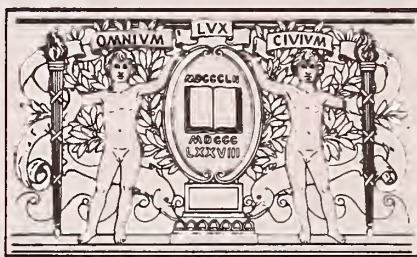


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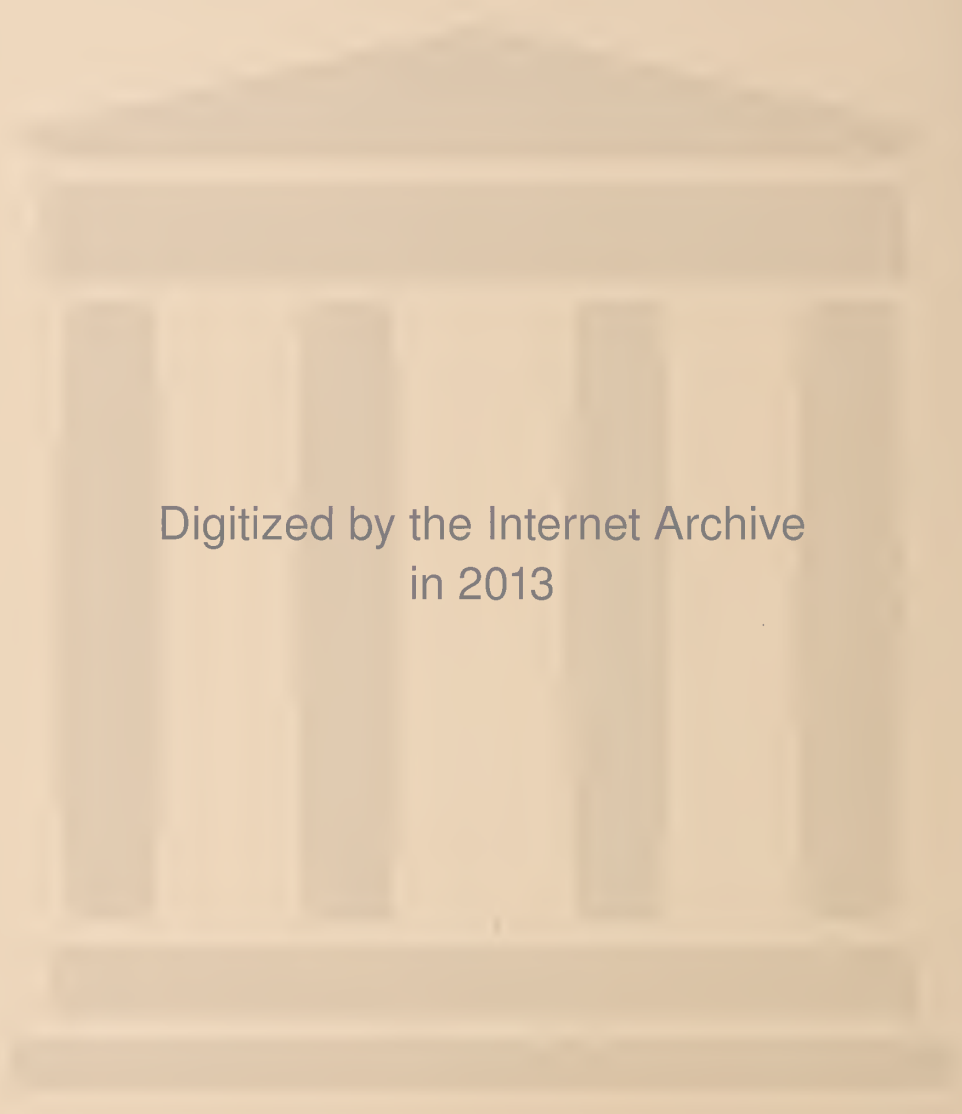
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improvements: order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan order \$60,000 for macadamizing and regulating between Newton and Wellington sts., referred to committee on finance c 113

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Census Statistics of Boston.

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Central-square park.

seats: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to place seats in square, referred to the mayor c 234, 235

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catch-basin: order to place one at corner and one in front of No. 177, referred to the mayor c 44

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bay-windows: Mary Hurvitz, petition and order for hearing a 309-hearing a 335; David Mancovitz, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 397-granted a 400

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Charles-street place.

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skating: order that the park commissioners prepare for flooding and skating, referred to the mayor c 451; communication from the park commissioners relative to, placed on file c 465

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municipal building: order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan \$200,000 for a municipal building to include court facilities and a public hall, referred to committee on finance c 12

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extension of time for pole locations: order that time allowed be extended, discussed a 341, 342-referred to committee on public improvements a 342-report, accepted, discussed a 342, 343-assigned a 343; order that the corporation counsel be requested to give his opinion as to whether the board of aldermen has authority to pass an order giving extension of time to gas and electric light companies, etc., passed a 343-taken up, discussed a 370-378, amended, passed a 376; motion to reconsider, discussed a 376-378-lost a 378

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Charlestown Veteran Firemen's Association.

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Charter and Unity streets.

guy-posts: L. Noceti, petition a 261-granted a 266

Chase, Caleb.

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Chatham street.

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Chelsea street, Charlestown.

improvements: order that the mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of streets to reset edgestones and sidewalks, referred to the mayor c 89, 90

widening: order that the mayor petition the General Court for legislation authorizing an appropriation sufficient to provide for widening from City sq. to Bunker Hill st., passed c 43-referred to committee on public improvements a 48-report, referred to next government a 511

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driving at a greater rate of speed: order to allow, passed a 6 c 10

trees: order to trim in front of No. 72-74, passed a 160

Cherokee and Hillside streets, Ward 19.

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deficit in appropriation: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city auditor giving notice of deficit in appropriation caused by payment of execution of court, sent up c 242-placed on file a 261; communication from the mayor authorizing passage of order for loan of \$100,000, passed c 387-referred to committee on public improvements a 397, 398-report, accepted, order passed a 399

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Chute, Caroline H.

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Cox, Mary X.

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Crescent avenue.

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Crescent avenue and Buttonwood street.

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Crowley, Joseph F., Councilman, Ward 2.

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Daily, Edward B.

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Dale street.

crosswalk: order to lay opposite Walnut ave. Church, referred to the mayor c 394

Dalton, Charles H.

appointed member of board of transit commission a 276-confirmed a 288

Dalton, Philip S., Councilman, Ward 11.

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committees: *joint standing*, assessing department, clerk of committees department, legislative matters, police department, schools and school-houses, vessels and ballast department c 40, 41

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Decatur street, Ward 2.

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Devens and Prescott streets, Ward 5.

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Dever, John F.

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Devine, Thomas.

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coal-hole opening: Estate of F. L. Fay, petition to construct a 117-granted a 121

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De Voto, Alfred.

appointed a music trustee a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-confirmed a 272

Dewey beach, Charlestown.

improvement: order that the committee on finance be requested to include in the first loan order \$5,000 for improvement, referred to committee on finance c 16

Dickens street.

street light: order to place near Adams st., passed a 423

Dillaway, C. O. L., et al.

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Division street.

acceptance: order that the street commissioners accept and lay out as a public way, passed c 43 a 49; order that the street commissioners accept and lay out as a public way a 126

Dix street, Ward 24.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect and remove a 297-granted a 310

sidewalk: John W. Douse, petition a 155-granted a 162; W. S. Hennessy, jr., petition a 261-granted a 281; Brummett & Starrett, petition a 277-granted a 300; petition a 347-granted a 351; John W. Douse, petition a 347-granted a 351; William Gordon, petition a 411-granted a 421

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Dodge, James H.

appointed city auditor a 165-confirmed a 193

Doherty, Patrick.

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Dolan, Arthur W., Councilman, Ward 5.

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Donahoe, Ralph J.

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Doney, Charles H.

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Donovan, James.

appointed superintendent of streets a 153-referred to committee on public improvements a 160-report, accepted, confirmed a 180

Donovan, Walter J.

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Doogue, William.

appointed superintendent of public grounds a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 160-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272

Dorchester.

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Dorchester avenue.

bay-windows: Patrick Tivnan, granted a 96; Ellen M. Hanlon, petition and order for hearing a 156-hearing a 165-granted a 203; Higgins & Sears, petition and order for hearing a 368-hearing a 397-granted a 429; petition and order for hearing a 598-hearing a 412

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Dorchester avenue and Mather street.

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Dorchester avenue, King and Westville streets.

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Dorchester and Crescent avenues.

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bay-window: Barney Ferguson, petition and order for hearing a 19-hearing a 48-granted a 126; John F. Coreoran, petition and order for hearing a 60-hearing a 84-granted a 142; Martha W. Weatherbee, petition and order for hearing a 86-hearing a 102; B. Ferguson, petition and order for hearing a 86-hearing a 102-granted a 156; Ellen T. Lynch, petition and order for hearing a 338-hearing a 359-granted a 380

improvements: order that the superintendent of streets report an estimate of expense of improving street between Broadway, Seventh and Eighth sts., referred to the mayor c 190, 191

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Doris street.

acceptance and laying-out: order that the street commissioners lay out and accept, passed a 271 c 284; communication from the street commissioners stating that there is no money in appropriation available for the work, placed on file a 359

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Downey, Thomas.

appointed overseer of the poor a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272

Doyle, James H., Alderman.

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committees: *standing committees*, county accounts, railroads; *special committees*, rules and orders; *joint standing committees*, cemetery department, collecting department, hospital department, printing department, vessels and ballast department; *joint special committees*, Fourth of July, rules and orders a 36, 37; committee on rules and orders of the city council a 7; committee on rules and orders of the board of aldermen a 7; committee on public improvements a 21; committee on opening of East Boston tunnel a 84

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Dresser street.

iron pipe: Hersey Manufacturing Company, petition a 337-granted a 352

Driscoll, Dennis J.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 287

Driscoll, John J., Councilman, Ward 14.

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committees: *joint standing*, cemetery department, city clerk department, hospital department, institutions department, library department, public lands; *joint special committees*, Evacuation Day, Labor Day c 40, 41; teller, first division c 28

orders offered: shower baths, M-st. playground c 43

Driscoll, Martha.

petition, compensation personal injuries a 201

Driving Club Parade.

order to close certain streets, passed a 270

Driving at a Greater Rate of Speed than Allowed by Ordinances. (See the name of the street upon which driving is to be allowed.)

Drummond, William J., Councilman, Ward 14.

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committees: *joint standing*, city clerk department, claims, market department, registry department, street laying-out department; *joint special committee*, Evacuation Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day c 40, 41

orders offered: school exercises, Evacuation Day c 42
holiday, Evacuation Day c 42
removal of snow c 42
bath department, annual report c 55
playground, Ward 14 c 89
catch-basin, East Second st. c 322
grading, East Second st. c 322

Dudley street.

iron pipe: A. J. Kent, petition a 337-granted a 343

pole right: American Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to acquire right of Edison Electric Illuminating Company a 197-refused a 299

pole: American Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 101-order for hearing a 108-hearing a 124-granted a 265

surface water: H. K. Pevear, petition that the city take measures to prevent stopping of drain and overflow of surface water from Kearsarge burial-ground a 140

tree: order to remove in front of No. 366, passed a 124; order to remove in front of No. 511, passed a 362

Duffy, Patrick.

petition, compensation for damages to estate, Parnell st. a 140

Dunne, Mrs. Charlotte F., et al.

bay-windows, Wood st., petition and order for hearing a 141-hearing a 160-granted a 202

Dustin street, Brighton.

street light: order to place in front of No. 16, referred to the mayor c 394

Dwight street.

trees: order to have trees trimmed, passed a 421

E street.

bay-window: Thomas F. McMahon, petition and order for hearing a 292-hearing, given leave to withdraw a 261; Thomas J. McMahon, petition and order for hearing a 238-hearing a 261-granted a 279

extension: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to report an estimate of the cost of extending to Dorchester ave., referred to the mayor c 16

wooden pavement: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to provide wooden pavements between Seventh and Eighth sts., referred to the mayor c 16

Eagan, Michael J., Councilman, Ward 3.

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committees: joint standing, art department, fire department, statistics department, street department; joint special committees, Fourth of July, June Seventeenth, Memorial Day, rules and orders c 40, 41

orders offered: bell alarm, Armory Building c 55
flag-staff, Cross-st. school-house c 55
church leave for policemen c 55
improvement, Hayes sq. c 285

East Boston.

ambulance station: order that the committee on finance provide in the first loan bill \$30,000 for an ambulance station, referred to committee on finance c 28

car service: see Boston Elevated Railway Company

carnival celebration: see Fourth of July

channel to Jeffries point: order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the dredging of a suitable channel to Jeffries point, referred to committee on finance c 29

engine-house, Orient Heights: see Fire Department

gymnasium and all-year-around bath: see Bath Department

hospital facilities: see Hospital Department

improvements (seven orders offered by Mr. Colbert of Ward 2): see the different improvements, viz., Municipal Building, East Boston, etc.

municipal building: see Municipal Building, East Boston

new ferry-boat: see Street Department, Ferry Division

reduction in price of gas: see Gas, East Boston

East Boston Carnival Association.

petition to occupy portion of Meridian st., granted a 292

East Boston Tunnel.

decoration of mound, Maverick sq.: see Public Grounds Department

legislation: order that the common council records itself in favor of petition 781, house of representatives, and the enactment of sympathetic legislation, discussed c 64, 65-passed c 65

opening: order that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for the opening of tunnel, passed c 53 a 57-committee appointed c 81; order that the president of the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to give certain information relative to opening, etc., of tunnel (given), referred to the mayor c 393

seats, tunnel entrance: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to place seats on the mound at the mouth of the tunnel, referred to the mayor c 192

East Cottage street.

sidewalk: George V. Wattendorf, petition a 166-granted a 199; D. C. Hinton, petition a 233-granted a 230, 231

East Cottage street and Dorchester avenue.

sidewalk: Boyd & Berry, petition a 201-granted a 240

East Eighth street. (See Eighth and West Eighth streets.)

bay-window: John W. Reardon, petition and order for hearing a 124-hearing a 155-granted a 198

sidewalk: Howard Bros., petition a 459-granted a 460

tree: order to trim in front of estate of M. A. Eager, passed a 280

East Eighth and East Seventh streets.

guy-posts and guy-ropes: W. M. Pike & Sons, petition a 94-granted a 96

sidewalk: W. N. Pike & Sons, petition a 368-granted a 381

East Fifth street.

tree: A. E. McCullough, petition for trimming of a 367

East First street. (See First street and West First street.)

bulkhead: Patrick F. Shevlin, petition to construct a 117-granted a 121

cellar bottom of building: Catherine T. Shevlin, petition to construct a 165

sidewalk: David J. Driscoll, petition a 166-granted a 199

East Fourth street. (See Fourth street and West Fourth street.)

sidewalk: J. C. Gott, petition a 197-granted a 206

tree: order to remove and trim trees, passed a 264

wooden building: J. J. & P. M. Ahern, petition for leave to move a 426-granted a 429

East Fourth and P streets.

trees: Ansel McCarrison and W. E. Burnham, petition for trimming a 325

East Lenox street.

catch-basin: order to locate cor. of Fellows st., referred to the mayor c 394

East Second street. (See also Second street and West Second street.)

catch-basin: order to place in vicinity of No. 880, referred to the mayor c 322

grading, etc.: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to submit estimate of expense of grading and putting in condition for travel, referred to the mayor c 322; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of streets giving estimated cost, placed on file c 386

sidewalk: William H. Brunnings, petition a 238-granted a 280; Julia Nopper, petition a 261-granted a 280

East Seventh street. (See Seventh street and West Seventh street.)

tree: order to trim at 588, passed a 328

East Seventh and K streets.

wires to trees: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition for leave to attach a 336-order for hearing a 350-hearing a 364-refused a 501

East Sixth street. (*See Sixth and West Sixth streets.*)

coasting: *see* Coasting

damages: J. J. Hartnett, Hugh H. McInnes, petition to be paid damages a 297; communication agreeing upon an extension of time for determination of damages a 307-report accepted, placed on file a 317

driveway: order to restore the blockstone at estate adjoinlug No. 568, passed a 144

grade damages: Dexter A. Hall, petition, compensation a 37

sidewalk: order for construction, passed a 21

East street, Ward 20.

sidewalk: Leonardo Gaetani, petition a 307-granted a 344

Eastburn place.

lamps: order to place Welsbach lamps, referred to the mayor c 42

Eastburn street.

gutters: report, no action necessary, accepted a 487

lamps: order to substitute gas lamps for naphtha, referred to the mayor c 255

Eastern avenue.

paving: communication from the mayor transmitting estimate from superintendent of streets, placed on file c 127, 128

repairing: order that the superintendent of streets report cost of repairing from Atlantic ave. to South Ferry, referred to the mayor c 113

Eastern Wharf & Storage Company et al.

petition for leave to lay tracks and to erect necessary poles on Chelsea and other streets a 71

Eastman street.

grade: order to revise grade, passed a 420

Eaton, A. S.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 367

Edison Electric Illuminating Company.

electric light prices: order that the mayor be requested to petition the board of gas and electric light commissioners to order said company to reduce price of electric lights furnished city consumers, referred to committee on public improvements a 405-report, accepted, order passed a 406

occupation of streets: order that the corporation counsel be requested to report whether it is legal or not for said company to occupy streets of city for purpose of carrying power into towns outside of Boston, referred to the mayor c 392; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the corporation counsel relative to, placed on file c 439, 440

locations:

ALBAN ST.: petition to erect pole a 347; order for hearing a 360-hearing a 366-granted a 489

AMBROSE ST.: petition to erect poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 490

ASHMONT ST.: petition to erect pole, order for hearing a 360-hearing a 366-granted a 489

BENNINGTON ST.: petition for extension of time a 117-granted a 121; petition to erect a 260-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 295-refused a 501

BENNINGTON AND CHELSEA STS.: petition to remove poles a 306-order for hearing a 309-hearing a 335

BERKELEY AND STANHOPE STS.: petition to remove poles a 37-granted a 61

CEDAR ST.: petition to erect poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 489

Edison Electric Illuminating Company, continued.

CENTRAL AVE. and other streets: report, no action necessary, on petitions referred last year, accepted a 83; petition to erect poles a 268-order for hearing 278-hearing a 296-granted a 489

CENTRE AND SOUTH STS.: petition to erect and remove poles a 297-granted a 339

CHURCH ST.: petition to erect two poles a 260-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 295-granted a 489

CHURCH ST., WARD 20: petition for leave to erect pole a 367-order for hearing a 379-hearing a 397-granted a 436

CLARENDON ST.: petition to acquire two-pole rights of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company a 159-granted a 502

COLUMBUS AVE.: petition to erect poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 308-granted a 338; petition for leave to relocate pole a 382-granted a 502

CREIGHTON ST.: petition for leave to erect pole a 367-order for hearing a 379-hearing a 397-granted a 399

CRESCENT AVE.: petition to relocate one pole a 123-granted a 126

DECATUR ST., WARD 2: petition to erect poles a 306-order for hearing a 309-hearing a 335-granted a 489

DORCHESTER AVE.: petition to acquire pole rights of the French Telegraph Cable Company a 260-granted a 290; petition to relocate pole a 347-granted a 349

ELMWOOD ST.: petition to erect a 260-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 295-granted a 489

EUTAW ST.: petition to erect a 260-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 295-granted a 348, 349; petition to erect poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 339

FOREST HILLS ST.: petition to erect poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 308-granted a 338

GREEN AND WASHINGTON STS.: petition to relocate pole a 237-granted a 290, 291

MARCELLA ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 335-order for hearing a 350-hearing a 364

MARCH AVE.: petition for leave to erect pole a 367-order for hearing a 379-hearing a 397-granted a 489

MERIDIAN ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 336-order for hearing a 350-hearing a 364-granted a 489

MOZART ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 423-order for hearing a 425-hearing a 435-granted a 490

ORLEANS ST.: petition to erect poles a 306-order for hearing a 309-hearing a 335-refused a 501

PREBLE ST.: petition to erect a 101-order for hearing a 108-hearing a 124-granted a 489

READING ST.: petition for leave to erect poles, order for hearing a 406-hearing a 424-granted a 462

ROBERT ST.: petition to remove pole a 297-granted a 339

ROSECLAIR ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 403-order for hearing a 406-hearing a 424-refused a 501

ROYS ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 367-order for hearing a 379-hearing a 397-granted a 462

SCHOOL ST., WARD 22: petition for leave to relocate pole a 336-granted a 349

SMITH ST.: granted a 339

SOUTH ST., WARD 23: petition to erect eight poles a 140-order for hearing a 166-hearing a 202-granted a 279; petition to erect two poles a 287

SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVE.: petition to erect poles a 140-order for hearing a 166-hearing a 202-taken up, recommitted a 263-granted a 291

SOUTHERN AVE.: petition for leave to erect poles a 411-order for hearing a 412-hearing a 427-granted a 490

TAPPAN ST.: petition for leave to erect poles a 367-order for hearing a 379-hearing a 397-granted a 489

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 20: petition for leave to relocate pole a 396-granted a 502

WASHINGTON ST., WARD 24: petition to remove poles a 277-granted a 290

WEST COTTAGE ST.: petition for leave to relocate pole a 358-granted a 489

WEST SIXTH AND WEST SEVENTH STS.: petition to erect one pole a 94-order for hearing a 103-hearing a 118-refused a 204-granted a 290

WILLIAMS ST., WARD 23: petition to erect a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 308-granted a 338

WOODVILLE AND WEST COTTAGE STS.: petition to erect three poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 489

Edison Green.

improvements: order that the superintendent of streets put in condition for travel, referred to committee on public improvements a 299

Edward Everett square.

band concerts : *see* Music Department

Edward Everett Statue : *see* Edward Everett Statue

Edward Everett Statue.

order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to remove the statue from the Public Garden to centre of Edward Everett sq., referred to the mayor c 285; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the superintendent of public grounds relative to, placed on file c 319

Edwards, Gertrude E.

petition, compensation for damages to clothing a 101

Egleston square.

sign : order to place at corner Columbus ave. and Washington st., referred to the mayor c 391

Eichorn, William C.

petition, compensation for damage to his wagon on Greenville st. a 307

Eight-hour Law.

Structural Building Trades Council, petition that law be enforced a 340; order requesting mayor to instruct heads of departments to enforce same, passed a 340 c 391

Elder street, Ward 16.

street lights : order to place necessary street lights on extension, passed a 73

Election Department.

committee : appointed a 36 c 40

commissioner : notice of appointment of David B. Shaw a 153

committee on elections : appointed c 41

city election : notice of a 435

combined elections : order that the board of election commissioners be requested to report an estimate of the expense of the municipal primary and election, and what additional expense if both state and municipal elections were held on same day, etc., referred to the mayor c 45; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the election commissioners, placed on file c 52

election officers : order to pay on or before December 23, 1904, passed a 435 c 443

joint primaries and elections : order that the mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing the holding of state and municipal caucuses on the same date, and state and municipal elections on the same date, passed c 54-referred to committee on public improvements a 57-report, indefinitely postponed a 504-placed on file c 506

jury list : approved a 86

new precinct lines, Ward 22 : communications from the mayor and election commissioners with order to appoint special committee to change division, passed, committee appointed a 82

payment of caucus officers : order that the election commissioners be requested to allow compensation to the officers who served at the primaries during the present month, referred to the mayor c 150

payment of election officers : order to make necessary arrangements for payment of election officers, passed a 492

polling booths in streets : order that permission be granted to place passed a 339

state election : notice of a 378

voting booth, Ward 10 : order that the election commissioners report if voting booth in Copley square can not be removed to Bagden st., referred to the mayor c 391; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the election commissioners, placed on file c 439

Electric Wires. (*See also the different companies, as New England Telephone and Telegraph Company et al.*)

committee : appointed a 36

private wire, Green st. : George E. Shaddow, petition a 268

wire, Mansfield st., Brighton : Leon L. Marie, petition to stretch a 268

work to be done by citizens : Boston Central Labor Union, petition that permits be refused companies unless work is done by citizens of the United States a 201-report, no action necessary, accepted a 489

Elevated Road. (*See Boston Elevated Street Railway Company.*)**Eliot, Amory, Trustee.**

petition, that city pay expense incurred on account of the flooding of premises, Atlantic ave. a 117

Elm Hill avenue.

payment of taxes : *see* Forbes, S. A., or Claims

roadway : order to close, passed a 299, 300

trees : Timothy Smith, petition for trimming or removal of trees a 347

Elm street, Ward 3.

sign on tree : J. Searle Holland, petition to place a 143

Elmont street.

poles : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition for leave to erect a 459-order for hearing a 462-hearing a 480-refused a 501

Elmore and other streets.

poles : New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 260-order for hearing a 270-hearing a 288-granted a 309

Elmwood street.

poles : Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 260-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 295-granted a 489

Elmwood-street Gymnasium. (*See Bath Department.*)**Emerson, Union for Ideal Culture.**

petition that the city council take measures to cause more peaceful methods to be observed Fourth of July a 260

Emery, Charles K.

petition, compensation for personal injuries a 411

Employment of Citizens by Contractors. (*See Street Department.*)**Endicott and Blackstone streets.**

convenience station : *see* Bath Department

Engineering Department.

committee : appointed a 36 c 40

Engineering Department, continued.

city engineer: William Jackson, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 160-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 271

convenience station, Boston Common: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city engineer giving estimate of cost, placed on file c 41

employees: order that the city engineer furnish a list of all employees that live outside of Boston, referred to the mayor c 92; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the city engineer, placed on file c 111

English, James J.

petition, compensation for damages on account of backing up of sewage in Marmion st. a 480

Essex and Washington streets.

sign: order to place at corner, referred to the mayor c 114

Euclid street.

iron grating in sidewalk: Garland & Son, petition to place a 368
opening in sidewalk: Garland & Son, granted a 381

Eustis street.

asphalting: order to asphalt in front of the Alhert Palmer School passed a 97

tree: Mrs. Doering, petition, removal tree a 201

Eutaw street.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 260-order for bearing a 278-hearing a 295-granted a 348, 349; petition to erect a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 339

tree: order to remove one tree in front of No. 116, passed a 143

Evacuation Day.

committee: order for appointment of committee on celebration, passed c 43 a 49-committee appointed a 37 c 40

celebration: order that the committee on appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill \$10,000 for the celebration, referred to committee on appropriations c 34-report, no further action necessary a 200 c 223

closing streets: order to close streets necessary; order to rope off streets for parade, passed a 103

holiday: order that regular school sessions be suspended, and that exercises commemorative of Evacuation Day be held, passed c 42 a 48; order to allow city employees whose services can be dispensed with, passed c 42 a 48

Evans street, Ward 24.

repairing: order to repair, referred to the mayor c 251

Everett street, Brighton.

land for playground: see Public Grounds Department

sidewalk: John S. Wallin, petition a 347-granted a 351

Everett street, Ward 2.

tree: Anthony McPhee, petition to remove a 123

Ewell, Fred A., Councilman, Ward 12.

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committees: joint standing, city messenger department, claims, hospital department, library department, street department; joint special committee, Fourth of July c 40, 41

orders offered: Elevated station, Washington st. c 80

Ewer street.

building: Patrick H. Graham, petition to erect a 337-granted c 497 501

Exeter street.

marquise: G. D. Braman *et al.*, trustees, petition and order for hearing a 309-hearing a 326-granted a 380

Explosives, Transportation of. (See Ordinances.)**Fagin, Charles H.**

petition, compensation, personal injuries a 297

Falcon street.

sidewalk: C. D. Beach, petition a 123-granted a 142

Falmouth street.

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to remove a 83-granted a 95

Faneuil Hall.

committee: appointed a 36

decorating hall: order that permission be granted Massachusetts Grand Army to decorate hall, passed a 62; order that permission be granted to New England Decorating Company to decorate hall, passed a 85; order that permission be granted National Lancers to decorate hall, passed a 270

use of: Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, petition a 18; Central Labor Union, petition a 18; Temporary Home for Jewish Children, petition a 37-granted a 39; Massachusetts Minute Men of '61, petition a 37; Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, petition a 48-granted a 59; Music Trustees, petition a 57; Massachusetts Minute Men, granted a 59; Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, granted a 59; Central Labor Union, granted a 59; Ancient and Honorables, granted a 59; Boston Central Labor Union, petition a 60-granted a 62; New England Anti-Saloon League, petition a 71; Massachusetts Women's Suffrage Association, petition a 71-granted a 72; Boys' Industrial League, petition a 71-granted a 72; Boston Central Labor Union, petition a 83-granted a 85; Hearst Labor League, Socialist Party, Equal Suffrage Company, petition a 83-granted a 85; New England Anti-Saloon League, granted a 96; John W. Hutchinson, petition a 101-granted a 103; Socialist Party, petition a 101-granted a 103; Board of Election Commissioners, petition a 107-granted a 109; Armenians of Massachusetts, petition a 107-granted a 109; New England Anti-Imperialist League, petition a 117-granted a 141; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, petition a 117; Boston Colored Suffrage League, petition a 123-granted a 141; St. Michael's Beneficent Association, petition a 123-granted a 141; Foresters of America, petition a 123-granted a 141; Ladies' Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, petition a 123-granted a 167; Boston Children's Aid Society, petition a 123-granted a 167; Turner Defence Fund Committee, petition a 123-granted a 126; New England Manufacturers' Association, petition a 140-granted a 141; Board of Election Commissioners, petition a 140-granted a 141; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, petition a 140-granted a 141; Henry M. Whitney, petition a 155-granted a 156; Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, petition a 155-granted a 167; John T. Muiranan, petition a 155-granted a 156; Ninth District Congressional Committee, petition a 159-granted a 161; Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, petition a 159-granted a 161; First Division Railway Mail Service, petition a 159-granted a 161; Henry M. Whitney, petition a 165-granted a 167; Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, petition a 166-granted a 167; Meat Cutters' Local 397, petition a 166-granted a 167; United Friends of America, petition a 166-granted a 167; National Lancers, petition a 201-granted a 206; Painters' Union No. 11, Mrs. John A. Fowle, petition a 237-granted a 239; F. E. Low, petition a 268-granted a 269; Socialist Club of Boston, petition a 277-granted a 277; Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, petition a 287; Federal Council No. 466, Knights of Columbus, petition a 287-granted a 298; New England Council of Zionists, petition a 297-granted a 298; Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, petition a 297-granted a 298; New England Anti-Imperialist League, petition a 306-granted a 310; District Assembly No. 30, Knights of Labor petition a 336-granted a 341; Dr. George W. Galvin, petition a 336-granted a 341; Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, petition a 336-granted a 341; Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, petition a 336-granted a 341; Friends of Armenia, petition a 336-granted a 341; Women's Christian Temperance Union, petition a 336-granted a 341; Socialist

Faneuil Hall, continued.

Party, petition a 336-granted a 341; George H. Graves, petition a 336-granted a 341; Women's Christian Temperance Union, petition a 347-granted a 347; Knights of Columbus, petition a 347-granted a 347; Boston Association of Hungarians, petition a 358-granted a 359; Board of Election Commissioners, petition a 358-granted a 359; Richard H. Dana, petition a 358-granted a 359; The Church Association for the Advancement of Labor, petition a 358-granted a 359; Daughters of the Revolution, petition a 358-granted a 359; People's Party, petition a 367-granted a 380; International Peace Congress, petition a 367-granted a 380; Suffolk County Democratic Committee, petition a 367-granted a 380; Socialist Party, petition a 382-granted a 383; A. O. H., Suffolk County, petition a 396-granted a 400; Congregation Beth Jacob, petition a 396-granted a 400; Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., petition a 396-granted a 400; Public School Association, petition a 396-granted a 400; James A. Watson, petition, a 396; Henry B. Blackwell, petition a 404-granted a 406; Republican City Committee, petition a 404-granted a 406; Democratic State Committee, petition a 411-granted a 412; Election Commissioners, petition a 411-granted a 412; The Music Trustees, petition a 411-granted a 412; James A. Watson, petition a 411-granted a 412; Public School Association, petition a 423; Myer Bloomfield, petition a 423-granted a 424; Coon Club of New Hampshire, petition a 423-granted a 424; Democratic City Committee, petition a 423-granted a 425; Hearst's Boston American, petition a 423-granted a 424; Religious Education Association, petition a 423-granted a 424; Brith Abraham, petition a 426-granted a 430; Carpenters' District Council, petition a 426-granted a 430; Socialist Party, petition a 426-granted a 430; Democratic City Committee, petition a 510-granted a 510; John B. Moran, petition a 382-granted a 383; Sherwin L. Cook, petition a 382-granted a 383; Boston Children's Aid Society, petition a 382-granted a 383

Faneuil Hall square.

permanent awning: John T. Casey, petition and order for hearing a 19-hearing a 48; petition and order for hearing a 50-hearing a 60; Alfred Sears & Company, petition and order for hearing a 72-hearing a 84-granted a 279

Faxon street, Ward 19.

extension: order that the street commissioners be requested to extend from Smith to Conant sts., referred to the mayor c 99

Fay, Thomas J., Councilman, Ward 18.

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committees: *joint standing*, building department, engineering department, library department, vessels and ballast department; *joint special committee*, Memorial Day c 40, 41

orders offered: lighting Columbus-ave. playground c 15
stationery for councilmen c 29
acceptance of Cottage place c 29
concert, Sherwin school c 54
board of police salaries c 54
industrial college c 68
meal-time for firemen c 68
information from police board c 81
salt water system, fire department c 92
removal of ice for parade, Evacuation Day c 100
penal statistics c 113
request concerning institutions commissioner c 151
completion Speedway, Franklin park c 195
seats on Common c 233
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voting booth, Ward 10 c 391

remarks: safety of theatres c 31
board of police salaries c 54
meal-time for firemen c 68
erection building, Dorchester ave. c 80
improvement of Hollis-st. theatre c 91
next meeting c 115
appropriation bill c 128, 133
payment to police officer McManus c 148, 149
reorganization of law department c 184
loan of \$1,825,000 c 235
claim of W. H. Burns c 248, 249

Federal and other streets.

guy-posts: G. B. H. Macomber & Co., petition a 277-granted a 280

Fellows street.

catch-basin: order that the superintendent of streets locate, passed a 122

Fellows street, continued.

macadamizing: order that the superintendent of streets macadamize street, referred to the mayor c 394

resurfacing: order to have street resurfaced, passed a 122

Fence Viewers.

appointed a 154-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report accepted, confirmed a 162

Fenno and Morrison streets.

closing: order to close to public travel, passed a 120, 121

Ferber, J. Bernard, Councilman, Ward 10.

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committees: *joint standing*, legislative matters, ordinances and law department, police department, public buildings department; *joint special committee*, Fourth of July; *standing committee*, judiciary c 40 41

orders offered: fire precautions in theatres, substitute orders c 10
changing name of Columbus sq. c 66
municipal advisory council c 67
Columbus-ave. car service c 81
cleaning Court st. c 90
improvement of theatres c 100
smoke nuisance c 149
resurfacing Columbus ave. c 195, 196
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remarks: fire precautions in theatres c 10, 11, 12
appropriation for the construction of sewerage works c 22, 23
safety of theatres c 29-32
changing name, Columbus sq. c 66
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improvement of Hollis-st. theatre c 91
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loan of \$1,825,000 c 224, 226, 227, 229, 230, 233
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publishing of pay-rolls c 447, 449, 468, 469
closing proceedings c 508

Ferdinand street and others.

guy-posts: Thomas A. Elston & Co., petition a 337-granted a 343

Ferguson, Barney.

bay-window, Dorchester st., petition and order for hearing a 19-hearing a 48-granted a 126; bay-window, Dorchester st., petition and order for hearing a 86-hearing a 102-granted a 156

Ferguson, Hugh.

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fire-alarm signal, City sq.: order that the fire commissioner be requested to resume the sounding of fire-alarm signal, referred to the mayor c 45

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pay during absence on account of illness: order that the fire commissioner be requested to report on the advisability of paying salaries of members, during temporary absence on account of sickness, referred to the mayor c 150

removal of fire-alarm box: order that the fire commissioner be requested to remove fire-alarm box from the Lowell school-house to an outside location on Centre st., at the corner of Walden st., referred to the mayor c 80; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner relative to, placed on file c 98

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site and engine-house, Bigelow Hill, Ward 25: order that the finance committee include in the first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for a site and engine-house, referred to committee on finance c 33

Somerville fire-alarm whistle: order that the fire commissioner be requested to report under what authority the City of Somerville has transferred its fire-alarm whistle into the City of Boston, referred to the mayor c 16; order that the mayor report by whose permission said city was granted the right to place a fire-alarm whistle in Charlestown, and what remuneration for the privilege was received, referred to the mayor c 81; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the fire commissioner, placed on file c 88

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COLUMBIA-ROAD AUTOMOBILE STATION: license, Columbia road, referred to committee on public improvements a 289-refused a 488

DOLE, F. CARLTON: license, Tremont st., referred to committee on public improvements a 239-report, accepted, license granted a 271

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LEAVITT, WILLIAM E.: license, River st., granted a 160

LOCKE, LOUIS F.: license, Highland st., referred to committee on public improvements a 263

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MASSACHUSETTS AUTOMOBILE CLUB: notice of approval of license, referred to committee on public improvements a 298-report, accepted, permit granted a 300; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 303-report, accepted, order for hearing a 317-hearing a 335-granted a 343

MAYNARD AUTOMOBILE Co.: notice of approval of license, referred to committee on public improvements a 298-refused a 48

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PARK-SQ. AUTOMOBILE STATION: license, Columbus ave., granted a 118

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REED, J. T. & Co.: license, Hancock sq., granted a 141

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RICHARDSON, W. J.: license, Birch st., referred to committee on public improvements a 239-report accepted, license granted a 271

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- tunnel: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the United States War Department giving permission to city to build a tunnel and place water pipes therein, sent up c 242-placed on file a 261

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- widening of draws: communication from the mayor requesting that appropriation of \$56,000 be made by loan for widening of draws; order for loan (\$56,000) referred to committee on finance a 8

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FLYNN, THOMAS: petition to be paid for loss of fowls killed by dogs a 337-granted a 430

FLYNN, MRS. T.: petition, compensation for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 367-granted a 430

GILMAN, WILLIAM: petition to be paid for loss of hens killed by dogs a 60-granted a 95

MORSE, CAROLINE K.: petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 359-granted a 430

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ST. MARY'S INFANT ASYLUM: petition to be paid for loss of fowl killed by dogs a 84-granted a 95

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settees: order that the park commissioners place settees at convenient places, referred to the mayor c 251; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 252

speedway: order that the park commissioners be requested to proceed at once with laying out and construction, passed a 141 c 145

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Gallagher, James E.

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Gargan, Thomas J.

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Gas, East Boston.

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Gayln, Ellen T.

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construction: order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to contract for and construct bridge according to plans, etc., referred to committee on public improvements a 104-report, accepted, order passed a 105 c 112

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telephone wire: order that permission be granted George F. Haskell to stretch wire, referred to committee on electric wires a 87-report, accepted, order passed a 95

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Goulston, Therese.

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Grade crossings, Dorchester.

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Hanley, Matthew J., Councilman, Ward 22.

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committees : *joint standing*, bath department, fire department, health department, schools and school-houses; *joint special committee*, Fourth of July c 40, 41

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Hanlon, Ellen M.

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cross in sidewalk : estate of Henry C. Richards, petition, to lay a 201-granted a 206; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 259-report, accepted, veto sustained a 300; Allen C. Jones, petition a 297-granted a 317

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marquise: Allen C. Jones, petition and order for hearing a 383-hearing a 404-granted a 429

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sidewalk: C. E. Rogers, petition a 288-granted a 300; petition a 307-granted a 344

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Fort Point channel: notice of hearing on petition of the city of Boston to construct tunnel, placed on file a 103; notice of hearing on petition of water commissioner to construct a tunnel for water pipe, at Dover-st. bridge, placed on file a 481

Mystic Wharf: notice of hearing on petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company, placed on file a 359

Northern-ave. bridge: notice of hearing on petition of the city of Boston for building bridge a 298

Reserved Channel, South Boston: notice of hearing on petition of Murray & Tregurtha Company a 368

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South Bay: notice of hearing on petition of James N. Thompson trustee, for license to drive piles a 61

South Dock of Union Wharf: petition of Metropolitan Steamship Company to build wall and pile structure a 338

Harold street.

gas-lamps: order to place in front of No. 43, referred to the mayor c 452

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Harrington, Harriet L., M. D.

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Harrington, William G., Councilman, Ward 1.

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committees: *joint standing*, city clerk department, health department, library department, market department, music department, ordinances and law department, schools and school-houses, street laying-out department; *joint special committees*, Labor Day, Memorial Day c 40, 41; committee on opening of East Boston tunnel c 81

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sidewalk: order to make sidewalk between Hanover and North sts., referred to committee on public improvements a 405

Harrison, Carter H., Mayor of Chicago.

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Harvard avenue, Ward 25.

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Harvard street, Ward 5.

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Hauk, Sophie M.

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poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to erect a 268-order for hearing a 278-hearing a 296-granted a 349

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board: Thomas B. Shea appointed member a 158-referred to committee on public improvements a 167-report accepted, appointment confirmed a 199

inspection of building No. 368: order that the board of health make investigation of said building, and if necessary declare place a public nuisance, passed a 504

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Heath street.

paving: order that the finance committee be requested to include in the first loan order \$40,000 for paving from Parker st. to South Huntington ave., referred to committee on finance c 55

pole: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition to relocate a 201-granted a 265

sidewalk: Hermau White, petition a 337-granted a 344

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Henley street.

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Hickman, James J.

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extension: order to extend from Centre st. to Columbus ave., referred to the mayor c 99

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Hird, Mrs. B. M.

bay-window, Broadway extension, petition and order for hearing a 309-hearing a 335-granted a 380

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Hoffman, Joseph.

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ringing of bells: order that the mayor be requested to cause bells to be rung at 8 o'clock A.M., at noon, and at sunset on holidays, passed a 58 c 64

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Hopkins street, Ward 24.

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Horan, Thomas M.

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day off for ambulance drivers: order that the hospital trustees be requested to allow the ambulance drivers one day off in seven, without loss of pay, referred to the mayor c 452

hospital facilities, East Boston: order that the city hospital trustees be requested to formulate a plan for affording hospital facilities to East Boston, referred to the mayor c 191

out-patients department, visiting hours: order that the trustees be requested to have department kept open between hours of 6 and 7 o'clock P.M., passed a 163 c 188; order that the trustees be requested to have out-patients department kept open between hours of 9 A.M., and 2 P.M., referred to the mayor c 195

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Hourin, Jeremiah J.

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trees: order to trim opposite No. 30, passed a 205; L. H. Daloz, petition for removal a 480

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Hunter, Mary E.

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Hyde, William F.

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Hyde Park avenue.

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McKay, George E.

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overseers : William P. Fowler, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272; Thomas Sproules, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272; Thomas Downey, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272; Edwin F. Sawyer, appointed a 237-confirmed a 263

questions on relief of poor : order that committee on overseeing of the poor department be requested to report to the city council on certain questions relative to running of department, referred to committee on overseeing of the poor department c 191

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sidewalk : order for construction, passed a 161; John Cronin, petition a 201-granted a 240

trees : order to trim in front of No. 90, passed a 299; order to remove in front of No. 50, passed a 407

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Paine, Frederick W.

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Paine, Robert Treat.

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Painters.

order that the mayor request the heads of departments to pay prevailing and standard rate of wages to the painters employed by the city, passed c 286-referred to committee on public improvements a 288-report, accepted, order passed a 511

Palmer street.

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Park Department.

committee : appointed a 37 c 40

commissioner : James M. Prendergast, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161; report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272

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flooding playgrounds, Wards 22 and 23 : order that the park commissioners be requested to flood, for skating, Marcella-st. playground, Washington-st. playground, Roslindale playground and Billings field, passed a 406 c 442; communication from the superintendent of parks relating to, sent down a 478-placed on file c 493

free boats on Jamaica pond : order that the mayor instruct the park commissioners to allow use of pleasure boats on Jamaica pond free of charge, passed a 59 c 64; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, sent down a 53, 55-placed on file c 88; order that the corporation counsel be requested to report whether or not the park commissioners have the right to forbid use of pleasure boats by individuals owning the same, or to make any rules preventing the use of pleasure boats which are not let for hire by the owners, passed a 85, 86; opinion of corporation counsel placed on file a 95

full time for employees : order that the park commissioners place men employed on half time back on full time, passed a 38 c 42; order that the park commissioners be requested to place all employees now on half time on full time, referred to the mayor c 116

land adjoining Chestnut Hill park for park purposes : order that the park commissioners be requested to report as to the advisability of acquiring for park purposes the land adjoining park and cost of same, passed a 241

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parkway, Ward 23 : order that the committee on finance include in loan order \$30,000 for construction of portion of parkway between Anawan ave. and Washington st., referred to committee on finance c 15; order for loan of \$25,000 for the construction of the parkway between Anawan ave. and Washington st., referred to committee on finance a 240

permanent basis : order that the park commissioners be requested to place all laborers on a permanent basis, passed a 38 c 42

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Prince st. playground : see Prince st. playground

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shower baths, M-st. playground : order that the park commissioners be requested to keep shower baths open from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. every day, referred to the mayor c 43; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 52

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Peel, John B.

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penal statistics: order requesting information relative to prisoners, referred to the mayor c 113

sale of steamer "Bradlee": communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the penal institutions commissioner relative to sale; order authorizing same, referred to committee on public improvements a 410-report, accepted, order passed a 488, amended, passed c 493 a 501

Sunday visits to institutions: order that the commissioner report the estimated cost of running the "J. Putnam Bradlee" to Long Island on Sundays for the purpose of conveying visitors to inmates, referred to the mayor c 194

Pendleton, A. M., agent.

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Percy, Frederick B.

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lighting: order that the park commissioners properly light grounds during skating season, referred to the mayor c 15, 16

Playground, Jamaica Plain, Ward 23.

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Playground, Neponset.

order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire land for playground purposes, passed a 420 c 442

Playground, North Brighton.

boundary line: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners with draft of order in reference to a proposed exchange of certain lands with Harvard College for purpose of straightening the boundary line, passed c 242-referred to committee on public improvements a 261-report, accepted, order passed a 271

electric lights: order to place for skating purposes, referred to the mayor c 17

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Playground, Ward 9.

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electric lights: order that the mayor request the park commissioners to furnish electric lights, referred to the mayor c 467; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, placed on file c 493

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land for: order that the park commissioners be requested to report the advisability of securing the land bounded by M and N, East Eighth and East Ninth sts., for park or playground purposes, referred to the mayor c 89

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Playground, Ward 17.

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site: order that the committee on finance include in the first loan order \$100,000 for the purchase of a suitable playground site, referred to committee on finance c 14, 15

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Plumbers, Licensing of. (See Building Department.)**Police Department.**

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additional police at station 10: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners on order referred last year relative to increasing force, that they have made assignments to said station and thereby increased force, placed on file c 41

appointment of board: order that the committee on legislative matters be requested to appear before the committee on cities and advocate the passage of senate bill 5, relative to appointment of members of board of police by the mayor c 67-referred to committee on public improvements a 72

church leave for policemen: order that the board of police be requested to allow two hours' leave of absence to members of police department to attend church, referred to the mayor c 55

claims: petition for payment to James J. Gallagher a sum of money paid by him in defending a suit against him as a police officer a 367

covers for patrol sleighs: order that the board of police be requested to provide covers for the patrol sleighs or to discontinue their use, referred to the mayor c 35

deceased officers: order that an annuity be paid widow of Alfred M. Sturdivant, passed c 332 a 398

enlargement of police station 6: order that the committee on finance be requested to provide in first loan bill a sum sufficient for enlargement of police station 6, referred to committee on finance a 199

evidence in police cases: order that the board of police be requested to cause a stenographic report to be made of the evidence in any trial in which their attorney represents an officer of the department, and that committee on claims be furnished with copy, etc., discussed c 322, 323-referred to the mayor c 322-motion to reconsider, lost c 323; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from police commissioners, placed on file c 336

fees for dog licenses and police salaries: order that the committee on legislative matters be requested to appear before the committee of the General Court and support any bill providing that the fees for dog licenses be paid into the city treasury, and oppose any bill increasing salaries of the members of the board of police, passed c 54-referred to committee on public improvements a 57

horseshoers and blacksmiths: Sunday work: see Horseshoers and Blacksmiths

inspection of theatres: order that the police commission report how often the officers appointed to inspect theatres are shifted, if at all, referred to the mayor c 466

leave of absence during G. A. R. encampment: order to allow all employees who are members of G. A. R. leave of absence during encampment, passed a 143 c 145

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overloading of vehicles: order that the mayor be requested to call the attention of the police commissioners to the overloading of trucks and vehicles, while the snow and ice is upon the streets, and take steps to prevent the recurrence, referred to the mayor c 34

parade: orders to close streets during work-horse parade, May 30, passed a 125; order to close streets during parade of Boston work-horse association, passed a 240

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pension for signal-men: order that act relative to be accepted, referred to committee on public improvements a 270-report accepted, order passed a 292 c 320; communication from the mayor vetoing order accepting act, referred to committee on public improvements a 333, 334-report, accepted, discussed a 352-355-assigned a 355; communication from the Central Labor Union endorsing order to pension men, placed on file a 368; order that chapter 492 of Acts of Legislature of 1904, relative to, be accepted, discussed a 378, 379-passed a 379 c 391; communication from the

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police for strandway: order that the board of police furnish a detail of officers for the protection of children on the strandway during baseball season, passed c 286

police officers in court-house: communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the police commissioners, placed on file c 14

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salaries of police inspectors and lieutenants: communication from the police commissioners returning order passed last year relative to increase of salaries without approval, sent down c 19-placed on file a 22

suits against officers: board of police, petition that William Pelton, Thomas Donahue, Henry J. Walkins be repaid certain sums expended by them in defence of suits against them as police officers a 287

Pollack, Jacob.

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sidewalks: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 313-report, accepted, order passed a 317

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electric light: order to locate and maintain, referred to committee on public improvements a 299-report, accepted, order passed a 300

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coal-hole: Richard H. Dana, trustee, petition to construct a 94-granted a 96

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pole rights: report on petition to transfer certain pole rights to Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, on certain streets, accepted, granted a 279

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Prendergast, James M.

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Prentiss street and Columbus avenue.

poles: New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, petition for leave to transfer to Edison Electric Illuminating Company a 367-granted a 502

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seats: order that the park commissioners be requested to provide seats and other conveniences for recreation during summer months, referred to the mayor c 150

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Printing Department.

committee: appointed a 37 c 40

superintendent: Thomas A. Whalen appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 271

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examination of printing plant: order that the mayor be requested to have an examination made of the management and accounts, also to include an appraisal of the plant, etc., referred to the mayor c 68

municipal register: order that the superintendent of printing, under the direction of the committee on joint rules and orders, be authorized to print register; also a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of members and committees, passed a 7 c 10

office expenses of clerk of common council: order to charge to printing appropriation, passed c 15 a 18

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closing roadway: order to issue permit to Boston Contracting Company to close roadway, passed a 241-order to close, passed a 292

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Public Buildings Department.

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superintendent: Hugh Montague, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 160-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 271

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committee: appointed a 37 c 40

superintendent: Charles E. French, asking for appointment of a superintendent who will allow aged trees to live on Common c 111; William Doogue, appointed a 152-referred to committee on public improvements a 160-report, accepted, appointment confirmed a 272

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decoration of tunnel entrance: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to place flower beds on East Boston tunnel mound, Maverick sq., referred to the mayor c 139

hiring of playground, Brighton: order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot belonging to W. W. Marsh, on Everett st., Brighton, to be used as a playground, etc., passed a 86 c 88

playground, Mattapan: order that the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire Woodman-Jones estate on River st., passed a 141 c 145

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seats on Common: order that the mayor be requested to report if there is any appropriation to which the furnishing of additional seats on common and public garden could be charged, referred to the mayor c 233; communication from the mayor relative to, placed on file c 242

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Soldiers' Monument, Meeting House Hill: order that the superintendent cause grounds surrounding monument to be put in proper condition, etc., passed c 194 a 198

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CLIFTON ST.: W. A. Wilson, petition, campaign transparency a 347-granted a 348

COLUMBIA ROAD: Harris Bros., petition a 101-assigned a 143-granted a 281; petition, druggists' mortar a 237-granted a 239; Frederick Edwards, petition a 306-granted a 340; Pulaskio Kallam, petition a 382-granted a 437

COLUMBUS AVE.: Jerry Visconty, petition a 60-granted a 86; Owen F. Sweeney, petition, barber pole a 94-granted a 103; Wm. P. Watson, petition, barber pole a 94-granted a 103; Thomas F. Killean, granted a 281; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 287; Isadore Clinic, petition a 325-granted a 341; J. R. Magullion & Co., petition a 325-granted a 326; Joseph Merenda, petition a 336-granted a 341; Dr. Barnett Bruce, petition a 336-granted a 340; Dr. J. W. Call, petition, a 367-granted a 380; George Levy, petition a 382; Robert Lecher, petition a 396-granted a 400; Valley Club, petition a 403-granted a 405; Max Berger, petition a 422-granted a 424; Dr. Barnett Bruce, petition a 422-granted a 437; A. S. Milliken, petition, arc-light a 459-granted a 462; Public School Association, petition, transparency a 459-granted a 462; Frank Schneider, petition, transparency a 459-granted a 462

CONCORD AND WASHINGTON STS.: James H. Doyle, petition a 336-granted a 340

CORNHILL: Thomas J. Renwick, petition a 60-granted a 72; Alfred Bartlett, petition a 107-granted a 118; Patrick J. Daly, petition a 277-granted a 292

COURT ST.: Edward E. Morse, granted a 58; Falk & Nathan Cigar Co., petition, electric sign a 83-assigned a 143-granted a 281; Elmer A. Anderson, petition a 117-granted a 125; Rogers & Dorr, petition, arc-lamp a 296-granted a 299; Marshall & DeVito, petition a 306-

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granted a 340; F. H. G. Whitehouse, petition a 336-granted a 340; G. Kouroyer, petition a 358-granted a 405; Daniel J. Flood, petition a 411; Amanda Hanson, petition a 499-granted a 505

CUNARD ST.: J. Sussman, petition a 18-granted a 58

D ST.: Samuel Sehlher, petition a 325-granted a 341

DARTMOUTH ST.: C. A. Eaton, petition, unlettered gas arc-lamp a 18-granted a 58; Dartmouth Drug Company, petition, druggists' mortar a 117-granted a 125; M. Cassidy, petition a 123-granted a 142; Frank A. Hawes, petition a 480-granted a 491; D. J. Keefe & Co., petition a 480-granted a 491

DEARBORN ST.: Joseph P. Spang, petition, illuminated sign a 237-granted a 291

DOANE ST.: Thomas W. Byrne, petition, illuminated sign a 94-granted a 125

DORCHESTER AVE.: John M. Newton, petition, unlettered lamp a 37-granted a 58; S. Dubzansky, petition a 57-granted a 72; James H. Griffin, petition a 260-granted a 274; democratic committee of Ward 24, petition, transparency a 325-granted a 325; Anthony Zinitti, petition a 423-granted a 429

DORCHESTER ST.: Carl D. Wilson, petition a 57-granted a 72; Thomas Sjarlato, petition, barber pole a 94-granted a 103; Toland & McDonnell, petition a 336-granted a 348

DORCHESTER ST. AND DORCHESTER AVE.: Ernest E. Smith, petitions, transparencies a 434-granted a 436

DOVER ST.: John D. O'Connor, petition a 83-granted a 86; McCarthy & Connolly, petition, arc-light a 159-granted a 162; J. Pistario, petition a 260-granted a 291; Michael H. Glynn, petition a 426-granted a 437

DUDLEY ST.: Kelley Bros. Company, petition, unlettered lamp a 165-granted a 202; George T. Geer, petition a 287-granted a 298; Vito Carfagno, petition a 306-granted a 340

ELIOT ST.: H. W. Munch Co., petition, illuminated sign a 83-granted a 126; Joseph O. Miner, petition a 155-granted a 291; Wm. F. O'Hearn & Co., granted a 162; petition a 306-granted a 340; Frank H. Rogers, petition a 367; Brusendorf & Co., petition, illuminated a 434-granted a 437

ELM ST.: J. Searle Holland, refused a 488

ENDICOTT ST.: John Parrella, petition a 422-granted a 429

ERIE ST.: W. A. Clement, petition a 336-granted a 341

ESSEX ST.: Charles Wirth & Co., petition a 268-granted a 291; James D. Russo, petition a 358

FANEUIL HALL SQ.: Tosi & Tebaldi, petition, illuminated a 460-granted a 491

FEDERAL ST.: T. Rosenblum & Co., petition a 336-granted a 348; A. E. Jackson, petition, illuminated a 499-granted a 505

FLEET ST.: Benjamin Piscopo, petition, illuminated sign a 18-granted a 281-referred to committee on public improvements a 143; Max Barnett, petition, illuminated sign a 101-assigned a 143-granted a 281

FLORENCE ST., WARD 23: St. Stephen's church, petition a 18-granted a 58

FRANKLIN ST.: Mayer & Ewald, petition a 165-granted a 198; National Coal Tar Company, petition a 260-granted a 279; The Welsbach Company, petition, gas arc-lamp a 450-granted a 491

FRIEND ST.: Wolf Levy, petition, pole a 117-refused a 126; The Tire Fitters, petition a 123-granted a 142; Joseph Lefkovich, petition a 382-granted a 400; E. Percy Olive, petition a 480

FULTON ST.: Turner Centre Dairy Association, petition a 268-granted a 279

GARDEN COURT ST.: Gaetano Provluzano, petition a 426-granted a 429

GREEN ST., WARD 8: E. Littlefield, petition a 325-granted a 341

GREEN ST., JAMAICA PLAIN: Jamaica Plain Social and Athletic Club, petition, granted a 18; Price Bros., petition a 123-granted a 142; I. Heller, petition a 306-granted a 340

HAMPDEN ST.: A. R. Bloomberg, petition a 53-granted a 86; Tammany Club, Ward 17, petition a 325-granted a 326; Myles McCabe, petition a 336-granted a 341; Dowling Bros., petition a 367-granted a 380; Antony Inzodda, petition a 499-granted a 505

HANOVER ST.: Morris T. Romanov, petition, illuminated sign a 37-assigned a 143-granted a 281; H. Goldkraud, petition, pole a 37; Otario Brogi & Co., petition, illuminated sign a 57; O. Brogi, granted a 108; L. Gordon, petition, illuminated sign a 83-assigned a 143-granted a 281; J. C. Frederick, petition, arc-lamps a 83; E. H. Munch, petition, arc-lamp a 101-granted a 126; Myer L. Silverstein, petition, pole with hooks a 101-refused a 108; W. Winder, petition a 117-granted a 125; Gray, granted a 126; Wm. H. Murphy, petition a 260-granted a 279; James T. McGuire, petition a 306-granted a 326; M. Frye, petition a 291-granted a 293; Seskin & Jacobson, petition, unlettered lamp a 296-granted a 299; A. Zilg, petition, illuminated sign a 246-granted a 290; A. L. McMullin, petition, illuminated sign a 347-granted a 420; M. Frye, petition a 358; George N. Saxe, petition a 366; Asher Miller, petition a 367-granted a 380; G. Colucci & Co., petition a 382-granted a 400; Glenbrook Distilling Company, petition a 382-granted a 380; Samuel Orr, petition a 396; C. D. Cobb & Bros., petition a 459-granted a 462

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HARRISON AVE.: C. Silverman, petition a 57-granted a 62; William Boyd, petition a 101-granted a 108; Royal Restaurant, petition, illuminated sign a 117-assigned a 142-granted a 281; Boyajian & Martin, petition a 140-granted a 291; A. Giordani, granted a 281; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 287; B. F. Bradbury, petition a 260-granted a 291; Soo Wing, petition, illuminated sign a 297-granted a 299; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 303-report, accepted, veto sustained, placed on file a 505; F. H. Steeves, petition a 336-granted a 341; Frank Bertino, petition a 306-granted a 340; M. A. Walsh, petition a 396-granted a 400; Soo Wing, petition a 510-granted a 510

HAVRE ST.: Roger Cronse, petition a 336-granted a 340

HAWLEY ST.: S. Marston, petition a 338-granted a 380

HAYWARD PL.: Smith & Kerrissey, petition a 287-granted a 298

HENLEY ST.: Mrs. Hattie C. Wright, petition a 155-granted a 198; Robert J. Noonan, petition a 306-granted a 340

HOWARD ST.: Dowd Bros., petition a 268-granted a 291; Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, petition a 268-granted a 291; John Wesberg, petition a 306; Albert E. Chaboune, petition a 325; W. H. McGrath, petition a 326-granted a 406

HUNTINGTON AVE.: A. Lewis, petition a 107-granted a 108; petition a 123-granted a 142; Wm. J. Sinkind, petition a 140-granted a 156; Massachusetts College of Commerce, petition a 287-granted a 291; Public School Association, petition, transparency a 423-granted a 424

INDIA SQ.: A. C. & M. L. Felkin, petition, illuminated a 480

JOHN ST.: J. M. McCracken, petition a 287-granted a 298

KILBY ST.: Robert A. Bolt, petition a 358-granted a 362

KNEELAND ST.: Frank Spring, petition a 60-granted a 72; Abraham Karam, petition, gas arc-lamp a 83-granted a 125; Abraham Rubin, petition a 101-granted a 108; H. M. Rowe & Co., petition a 260-granted a 291

LAMARTINE ST.: Charles White, petition a 107-granted a 118

LENOX ST.: A. Berry & Co., petition a 306-granted a 340

LEVERETT ST.: H. Swartz, petition a 57-granted a 96; Casper Berry & Co., petition a 83-granted a 125; Morris I. Cohen, petition a 101-refused a 108; National Furniture Co., petition a 165-granted a 198; Kelly & Co., petition a 260-granted a 263; O. Herkman, petition a 287-refused a 298; Lewis Bernstein, petition a 336-granted a 341; Hollander & Co., petition a 358; H. Swartz, petition a 367-granted a 380

LINCOLN ST.: E. E. Morse, petition a 336-granted a 340

LOWELL ST.: A. Best, granted a 281; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 287; David Jacobs, petition a 336-granted a 348; Daniel A. Whelton, petition a 367-granted a 380; Zalman Petone, petition a 499-granted a 505

MADISON ST.: Martin Kazangian, petition a 117-granted a 125

MAIN ST.: George H. Cadigan, petition, political transparency a 117-granted a 118; A. B. Gill, petition, barber poles a 287-granted a 298

MALL ST.: Mark Angelintch, petition a 107-granted a 108

MARION ST.: E. J. Nunes, report, no action necessary, accepted a 298

MARSHALL ST.: W. G. Russell, petition a 277-granted a 291

MASSACHUSETTS AVE.: A. Groginto, petition a 101-granted a 103; Geo. Triantafel, petition a 140-granted a 142; Wm. P. Goldwasser, petition a 336-granted a 424; Massachusetts Horticultural Society, petition a 336-granted a 340; George W. Dunlap, petition a 434-granted a 436

MAVERICK SQ.: Thomas R. Sullivan, petition a 325-granted a 341; John J. Flaherty, petition a 336-granted a 340

MERIDIAN ST.: Boyd Hammond, petition, barber poles a 296-granted a 310; B. M. Wollenburg, petition a 306; Joseph E. Cahill, petition, transparency a 422-granted a 424; Iona Social Club, petition, transparency a 423-granted a 424

MERRIMAC ST.: C. S. Gove & Co., petition, illuminated sign a 155-granted a 291; S. Preville & Co., petition a 260-granted a 263; Wolf Levi, petition a 367-refused a 437

MILK ST.: T. Rosenbaum & Co., petition a 336-granted a 348

MOON ST.: John Membrino, petition a 510-granted a 510

MYRTLE ST.: Louis Smith, petition a 325-granted a 341

NORFOLK ST.: Achille Ardeleno, petition a 426-granted a 429

NORTH ST.: Jacob Marens, petition a 48-refused a 58; Israel Fram, petition a 48-refused a 58; R. Scopia, petition a 83-granted a 96; Cesidio Di Gregorio, petition a 83-granted a 96; Sing Lee, petition a 165-granted a 198; Pasquale Cataldo, petition a 306-granted a 340; petition a 358-granted a 362; Cleveland Foundry Company, petition a 411-granted a 420

NORTH ANDERSON ST.: Max Friedman, petition a 422-granted a 429

NORTHAMPTON ST.: Dowling & Deiss, petition, unlettered lamp a 37-granted a 58; Thomas White, petition a 123-granted a 142

NORWAY ST.: Robert C. Evans, petition, illuminated mortar a 83-granted a 142

ORDWAY PLACE: C. L. Yorke, petition a 367-granted a 385

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OTIS ST.: Mason & Snow, petition a 499-granted a 505

P ST.: W. T. J. Cogswell, petition a 480-granted a 491

PALMER ST.: Thomas J. Carey, petition, arc-lamp a 480

PARK SQ.: Mrs. Helen Macauley, petition a 287-granted a 298

PARK ST., WARD 23: Charles A. Mackay, petition a 150-granted a 198; August Krebs, petition a 403-granted a 405

PARMENTER ST.: North End Union, petition, flag-pole a 268-report, no action necessary, accepted a 298

PEARL ST., WARD 7.: Louise D. Greene, petition a 426-granted a 429; petition, transparency a 434-granted a 436; petition, illuminated a 480-granted a 491

PITTS ST.: William H. Coliton, petition a 101-granted a 103; Charles S. Gove & Co., petition, unlettered lamp a 165-granted a 291

PLEASANT ST.: J. H. McCarthy, petition, sign a 117-granted a 126; Samuel Bornstein, petition a 403-refused a 437

POPLAR ST.: Adolph Perimnter, petition a 367-granted a 380

PORTLAND ST.: Dawson & Co., petition a 358; George H. Hicks, petition a 358-granted a 405; P. Feinstein, petition illuminated a 434

PRINCE ST.: A. Serino, petition a 237-granted a 263; E. Delle Dorine & Co., petition a 260-granted a 291; Saverio Cefallo, petition a 366; Joseph Rupert, petition a 382-granted a 400; Ward 6 Republican Club, petition a 382-granted a 385; Lipman Sigel, petition a 403-granted a 405

PROVINCE CT.: William J. Hatch, petition a 140-granted a 156

PROVINCE ST.: Frederick Rottman, petition a 48-granted a 58; Francis Sawyer, petition a 94-granted a 103

ROXBURY ST.: Henry Huber & Co., petition, illuminated sign a 60-assigned a 143-granted a 281; Michael P. Daly, petition a 325-granted a 326

RUGGLES ST.: Albert Fine, petition, barber poles a 107-granted a 118; Jacob Werbitsky, petition a 159-granted a 198

SALEM ST.: Edward E. Morse, petition, illuminated sign a 37; National Drug Co., petition, illuminated sign a 37-granted a 261; Joseph Waldstein, petition a 94-granted a 96; National Drug Co., referred to committee on public improvements a 143; Sam Rusidsky, petition a 260-granted a 279; James Solomon & Bro., petition a 306; Achille Strollo, petition a 325-granted a 341; Louis Heiman, petition a 336-granted a 341; Abraham Wlsh, petition a 434-granted a 436; Abram J. Landey, petition a 499-granted a 505

SARATOGA ST.: Frank Freitas, petition a 336-granted a 340

SCHOOL ST.: Frank Delano, petition, illuminated sign a 57-granted a 96; Bent & Bush, petition a 48-granted a 58; Lewis Witte, petition a 123-referred to committee on public improvements a 143-granted a 281; Gill & Co., petition a 293-granted a 293; J. M. Nevelow, petition a 366-granted a 380; David H. Posner, petition a 403-granted a 420; F. M. Crosby & Co., petition a 422-granted a 429

SCHOOL AND WASHINGTON STS.: J. Jos. Sullivan, petition a 411-granted a 420

SHAWMUT AVE.: S. Gordon & Co., petition a 60-granted a 72; Walter Perkins, petition a 260-granted a 291; Boston Gas Appliance a 287-granted a 298; Goode, Dunson, Henry Company, petition a 306; Charlie Sing, petition a 336-granted a 340

SHEAFE ST.: F. Sarlano, petition, iron hooks a 83-refused a 96

SOUTH MARKET ST.: F. H. Dow & Co., petition a 260-granted a 279

SPRING ST.: Joseph Golub, petition a 268-granted a 279; J. G. Shain, petition a 296-granted a 299

SPRINGFIELD ST.: George Page, petition a 459

STANFORD ST.: Edward L. McGonagle, petition a 83-granted a 96; John H. Barry, petition, illuminated sign a 155-granted a 156; Alexander Romm, petition a 336-granted a 341; John Garrigan, petition a 358-granted a 362; John H. Barry, petition a 422-granted a 424

STATE ST.: E. E. LeClair, petition, arc-lamp a 101-granted a 126. Master Mariners Club, petition, pennant a 201-granted a 202; Commercial Cable Company, petition a 325-granted a 385; M. T. Doherty & Co., petition a 336; Nicholas Plakias, petition a 367-granted a 424; Dominick Jannarone, petition a 396-granted a 400; Boston Elevated Railway Company, petition a 459-granted a 462; Louis Backer, petition a 882-granted a 400

SUMMER ST.: Joseph H. Brown, petition, three barber poles a 18-granted a 62; Hanan & Son, petition, illuminated sign a 37-granted a 126; J. B. Hunter & Co., petitions (2), electric signs a 48-granted a 96-assigned a 142-granted a 281; Smith & Smullen Co., petition, illuminated sign a 94-assigned a 142-granted a 281; Ginter Grocery Co., petition, illuminated sign a 83-assigned a 143-granted a 281; Philip Alexander, petition a 159-granted a 291; Frank Dodge, petition a 159-granted a 198; Jaynes & Co., petition, druggist's mortar a 268-granted a 291; A. Gunaria, petition a 382; Frank Meglio, petition a 411-granted a 437; Wood, Pollard & Co., petition, illuminated a 480; G. Everett Giles, petition, illuminated a 499

SUMMER AND FEDERAL STS.: Albani Bros., petition, illuminated a 499

SUMMER ST.: Wonders Associates, petition, transparency a 480-granted a 490

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SYCAMORE AND ASHLAND STS.: Augustus Hodgdon, petition a 403-granted a 405; communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 411-report, accepted, veto sustained a 488, 489

TEMPLE PL.: Locke & Smith, petition, illuminated sign a 71-assigned a 143-granted a 281; Globe Supply Company, petition, an unlettered lamp a 165-granted a 291; Stamlee & Chertok, petition a 336-granted a 362; Louis H. Epstein, petition a 347-granted a 362; Barton, Eaton & Nash, petition a 422-granted a 429

TREMONT ROW: Max Wagner, petition, illuminated sign a 83-assigned a 143-granted a 281; Alexander Cava, petition a 117-granted a 125, 126; Epstein Brothers, petition a 201-granted a 291; E. G. Franklin, petition a 201-granted a 202; Alexander Caro, petition a 296-granted a 299; International Phonograph Company, petition a 336-granted a 341; Bowditch Bros., petition a 396

TREMONT ST.: Fox Bros., petition, illuminated sign a 37-granted a 96; Elliot Lighting Co., petition, arc-lamp a 57-granted a 62; F. Preston, petition, illuminated sign a 71-assigned a 143-granted a 281; King & Stephen, petition a 123, referred to committee on public improvements a 143-granted a 281; John M. Barry, petition a 165-granted a 291; W. W. LeGacy & Co., petition, illuminated sign a 201-granted a 291; Z. Stratt & Co., petition a 260-granted a 291; Fred Preston, petition a 260-granted a 291; Joseph P. Whelan, petition a 306-granted a 326; Sam Laura, petition a 306-granted a 340; A. L. Bennett, petition a 336-granted a 341; James H. Doyle, petition, transparency a 347-granted a 348; Joseph Gantlier, petition a 358; M. K. Murphy, petition a 358-granted a 380; Leopold Rogers, petition a 358; P. C. Klein, petition a 367-granted a 380; C. Zevitas, petition, electric reflector a 382-granted a 400; Louis Goldberg, petition a 403-granted a 405; A. E. Covelle & Co., petition a 411-granted a 462; Thomas Decerto, petition, arc-lamp a 411-granted a 429; Fred Preston, petition a 411; F. L. Cushmano, petition a 426-granted a 429; C. H. Jackson *et al.*, petition arc-lamp a 426-granted a 429; Public School Association, petition a 426-granted a 429; Edwin Morse, petition a 459-granted a 462; Public School Association, petition, transparency a 459-granted a 462; Adolph Lundin, petition a 510-granted a 510

TREMONT ST. AND COLUMBUS AVE.: John A. Costello, petition a 336-granted a 340

UNION PARK ST.: Scott & Garson, petition, illuminated sign a 426-granted a 437-communication from the mayor vetoing permit, referred to committee on public improvements a 478-report, accepted, veto sustained a 488

UNION ST.: D. W. Estabrook, petition, illuminated sign a 71-assigned a 143-granted a 281; S. M. Baker, petition a 123-referred to committee on public improvements a 143-granted a 281; Joseph Leary, petition a 403

UNION and other streets: E. E. Gray Co., petition, electric signs a 83; Wolf Kelfer, petition a 268-granted a 279

WALL ST.: Wolf Kelfer, petition a 268-granted a 279

WAPPING ST.: Gny Farmer, petition to erect barber poles a 48-granted a 62

WAREHAM ST.: Joseph H. Care, petition a 123-granted a 142

WARREN ST.: Charles M. Cunningham, petition, illuminated sign a 18-granted a 86; A. Clark West, petition a 260-granted a 291; Moorehouse & Graham, petition a 336-granted a 405; Geo. A. McEvoy, M.D., petition, unlettered lamp a 347-granted a 348; William J. Gay, petition a 367-granted a 380

WASHINGTON ST.: J. B. Fewes, petition, unlettered gas arc-lamp a 18; Weber & Fields, petition, illuminated lamp; Oak Hall Clothing Co., petition a 18; Cummings Clothing Co., petition, illuminated sign a 37; Jacob J. Fewes, petition, illuminated sign a 37, referred to committee on public improvements a 143-granted a 281; Howard C. Woodbury, petition a 37; George O. Fogg, petition, illuminated sign a 57-referred to committee on public improvements a 143; Cummins Clothing Co., granted a 58; Maryet & Wolfson, granted a 58; J. B. Fewes, granted a 58; Weber & Fields, granted a 58; Oak Hall Clothing Co., granted a 58; Isador Alter, petition a 48-granted a 58; Burke & Co., petition, electric sign a 48-granted a 58; M. M. Mugar, petition, illuminated sign a 60-assigned a 142-granted a 281; Russo & Runci, petition a 60-granted a 72; William H. Sullivan, petition, arc-lights a 83-granted a 125; Edward F. Fitzgerald, petition a 83-granted a 26; Charles Blanco, petition a 83-granted a 96; Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., petition, electric sign a 83-granted a 126; Washington Credit Co., petition, illuminated sign a 94-granted a 126; W. & A. Bacon, petition, electric sign a 107-granted a 128; Ferris & Littlefield Co., petition, illuminated sign a 117-granted a 292; John N. Landers, petition a 123-refused a 142; petition a 155-granted a 291; Mayer & Ewald, petition a 123-granted a 142; S. P. Proodian & Sons, petition a 140-granted a 156; Joseph Wright, petition, illuminated sign a 155-granted a 291; Richard Loesser, petition a 165-granted a 198; George Shepard, petition, unlettered lamp a 197-granted a 291; W. J. Anderson, petition a 201-granted a 274; J. W. Brodbine, petition, unlettered lamp a 201-granted a 202; J. Solomon, petition a 260-granted a 279; Louis Blanyard, petition a 260-granted a 279; Louis Vatts, petition a 260-granted a 279; Robert Drinkwater, petition a 260-granted a 291; N. Sallinger, petition a 260-granted a 291; L. Kennedy & Co., petition a 260-granted a 291; Max Levine, petition a 268-granted a 291; G. W. Herriek, petition a 268-granted a 291; Robert Drinkwater, petition a 260-granted

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a 291; William A. Miller, petition a 277-granted a 291; Regal Shoe Co., petition a 277-granted a 291; Israel Sternberg petition, a 287-granted a 293; Charles Ditson, petition a 287-granted a 298; S. Rabinowich, petition a 237-granted a 298; James M. Fitzgerald, petition a 296-granted a 299; Adams Pharmacy, petition druggists' mortar a 296-granted a 310; Wm. H. Sullivan, petition a 296-granted a 299; Jose Marchese, petition a 296-granted a 299; A. Caristi, petition a 306-granted a 340; Con. Keefe, petition a 306-granted a 340; Joseph Spang & Co., petition a 325-granted a 326; John N. Landers, petition a 336; E. Gately & Co., petition a 336; R. P. Janette, petition a 336-granted a 341; F. E. Norris, petition, druggists' mortar a 336-granted a 340; Moses Scheinfeldt, petition a 336-granted a 340; F. E. Norris, petition, unlettered lamp a 336-granted a 340; P. Caristi, granted a 340; The Bell Tailoring Company, petition a 347-granted a 362; Martin Kennedy, petition a 347-granted a 348; Murray & Conway, petition, electric illuminated sign a 347-granted a 348; American Credit Company, petition a 358-granted a 362; I. B. Slocomb, petition, a 358; A. M. Vartanian & Co., petition a 358; Clinton J. White, petition a 358-granted a 362; Joseph A. Williams, petition a 358-granted a 424; Joseph Paglia, petition a 366-granted a 380; Cummings Company, petition a 367-granted a 385; Henry King & Co., petition a 367; C. L. Yonnig, petition a 367; J. W. Dalley, petition a 382; Wm. H. Richardson Company, petition a 382-granted a 405; C. H. Buck, granted a 380; Henry Krey Company, petition a 396; W. Ollston, petition a 396; Alfred Nettle, petition a 403-granted a 405; D. Shikes & Co., petition a 403-granted a 405; Boston Musie Hall Amusement Company, petition a 411; Charles F. Brown, petition, transparency a 423-granted a 424; Joseph Bell, petition, illuminated sign a 426-granted a 510; Public School Association, petition, transparency a 426-granted a 429; George H. Denvir, petition, electric a 434-granted a 436; Solomon Ernst, petition a 431-granted a 436; H. H. Green, petition, electric a 434-granted a 436; Joseph Gridley, petition a 434-granted a 505; W. J. Anderson, petition a 459-granted a 491; Importers Branch Ltd., petition a 459; William Filene Sons Company, petition a 459-granted a 462; Quincy Cafe Company, a petition a 459-granted a 462; Frank S. Sargent, petition a 459-granted a 462; Hymen B. Birnbach, petition a 480; Emerson & Co., petition a 480-granted a 491; Goodman, Leavitt, Yatter Company, petition, illuminated a 480; William C. Gregor, petition, illuminated a 480-granted a 491; James Nagle & Co., petition, electric a 480-granted a 491; William T. Reilly, petition, electric a 480-granted a 490; Joseph Bell, petition a 510; Moses Yatter, petition, electric a 510-granted a 510; Joseph E. Lanigan, petition, transparency a 423-granted a 436; petition, illuminated a 434; Geo. O. Fogg, refused a 488

WASHINGTON AND DEVONSHIRE STS.: Howard C. Woodbury, granted a 58

WASHINGTON AND HANOVER STS.: F. Gray & Co., petition, electric sign a 83-granted a 142

WASHINGTON ST. AND TEMPLE PL.: M. G. Whitehouse a 201-granted a 202

WASHINGTON, TREMONT AND HAMPDEN STS.: John J. Curley, petitions, transparencies a 434-granted a 436

WATER ST.: John Dennis, petition a 296-granted a 299

WENDELL ST.: Thomas F. Coffey, petition, illuminated sign a 57-granted a 58

WEST ST.: Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, petition a 37-granted a 58; I. B. Woodward & Co., petition, illuminated sign a 117-granted a 281; T. D. Whitney Company, petition a 367-granted a 380

WEST BROOKLINE ST.: Boston Auto Livery Company, petition, illuminated a 480

WEST CANTON ST.: Patrick Bowen & Co., petition a 37-granted a 39

WEST DEDHAM ST.: J. Tortorella, petition, arc-lamp a 107-granted a 125

WEST FOURTH ST.: Joseph M. Duffy & Co., petition a 260-granted a 279

WEST SPRINGFIELD ST.: George H. Page, petition, illuminated a 480-granted a 491

WINTHROP HALL, DORCHESTER: Harry E. Munroe, petition a 423

WESTFIELD ST.: Manuel Lewis, petition, sign a 201-granted a 239

WINTER ST.: Dr. Williams, petition, illuminated sign a 71-granted a 142

WINTHROP ST., WARD 2: Thomas R. Sullivan, petition a 325-granted a 341

Simmons street.

sidewalk: A. J. Tower Company, petition a 337-granted a 344

Simmons and Vernon streets.

guy-posts: Whidden & Co., petition to erect a 157-granted a 200

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street improvements: order that the committee on appropriations include in the appropriation bill \$50,000 for street improvements, referred to committee on appropriations c 44-report, no further action necessary a 200 c 223

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councilmen: Gideon B. Abbott, James Oliver Higgins, Charles Patterson

engine-house: *see* Fire Department

improvements: four orders offered by Mr. Higgins (24): *see* the different improvements

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Ward 25.

councilmen: Patrick H. Barry, Francis B. McKinney, Edward M. Richardson

improvements: four orders offered by McKinney of 25: *see* the different improvements; three orders offered by Mr. McKinney, *see* the different improvements

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Warren street, Ward 21.

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Warren and Regent streets.

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Warren, Regent and St. James streets.

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Warren street and Woodstock avenue, Ward 25.

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Washburn, Thomas J.

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Washburn street.

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changing name of Devens st.: order that the street commissioners be requested to change name of Devens st. to Washington st., passed a 50; communication from street commissioners with order changing name, laid over a 61-taken up, passed a 72

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sidewalk: order for construction, referred to committee on public improvements a 300-report, accepted, order passed a 300

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sidewalks: order to repair, passed a 345

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West Seventh street.

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West Sixth street.

pole: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect a 94-order for hearing a 103-hearing a 118-granted a 290

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paving: order that the superintendent of streets be requested to submit an estimate of expense of paving from the Watertown line to the Cambridge line, referred to the mayor c 44; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the acting superintendent of streets, placed on file c 52; order that the committee on finance be requested to include in first loan bill \$140,000 for the paving from Watertown line to the Cambridge line, referred to committee on finance c 89

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Whelton, Daniel A., Alderman.

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Williams, Charles W. M., Councilman, Ward 10.

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Winter street, Dorchester.

trees: order to trim in front of No. 14, passed a 311

Winthrop square.

flower beds: order that the superintendent of public grounds be requested to have flower beds placed in park, referred to the mayor c 150

stand: order that committee of National Encampment, G. A. R., be authorized to erect an observation stand, passed a 311

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Winthrop street, Ward 5.

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committee: appointed a 37 c 40

information concerning overhead wires: order that the wire commissioner be requested to report if there are any overhead wires or cables carrying a current of 2,000 volts or over in the streets of the city; if so, their location, and company owning same, and if the city receives compensation for the use of its streets for said purpose, referred to the mayor c 35

placing of wires underground in South Boston and Dorchester: see Legislative Matters

removal of wires: order that the commissioner of wires be requested to notify any companies maintaining wires overhead in the prescribed underground districts to remove said wires within thirty days, etc., passed a 59; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the wire commissioner, placed on file c 74-report, accepted, placed on file a 489

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removal wire bridle-path, Beacon st.: order that the commissioner of wires be requested to remove electric wires running through the elm trees in the bridle path between Audubon Circle and St. Mary's st., and place them underground, referred to the mayor c 443; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the wire commissioner, placed on file c 465

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Wood, Charles H.

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bathing facilities: order that the committee on finance include in first loan bill \$10,000 for adequate bathing facilities, referred to committee on finance c 53

lighting: order that the park commissioners be requested to cause park to be properly lighted for skaters, passed a 50; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from park commissioners relative to, sent down a 60-placed on file c 64

handball court: order that the committee on finance provide sum of \$2,500 for a handball court, referred to committee on finance c 28

Wood Island park, continued.

pleasure vehicles: order that the park commissioners be requested to permit the use of the road around, by people in pleasure vehicles, etc., passed c 114 a 118; communication from the mayor transmitting communication from the park commissioners, sent down a 165-assigned c 182-taken up, discussed c 235, 236-placed on file c 236

skating: order to prepare for skating, referred to the mayor c 452; communication from the superintendent of parks relative to, placed on file c 465

Wood street, Charlestown.

bay-windows: Mrs. Charlotte F. Dunn c *et al.*, petition and order for hearing a 141-hearing a 160-granted a 202

Wood and Bark Measurers.

Charles I. Albee *et al.*, appointed a 154-referred to committee on public improvements a 161-report, accepted, confirmed a 162; B. S. Waterman, appointed a 197-confirmed a 202

Woodville and West Cottage streets.

poles: Edison Electric Illuminating Company, petition to erect three poles a 297-order for hearing a 299-hearing a 307-granted a 489

Woodward avenue.

trees: order to remove in front of No. 42, referred to committee on public improvements a 299-report, accepted, order passed a 300; order to remove in front of No. 42, passed a 378

Woodward street.

guy-ropes: P. H. Jackson, petition a 101-granted a 105

Worcester square.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 24, passed a 121

Worcester street.

tree: order to remove in front of No. 91, passed a 356

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Wyman street, Ward 22.

trees: order to grant permission to Patrick S. McManus to trim two trees, passed 104; order to remove dead tree in front of No. 41, passed a 428

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Yoffa, Hannah.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Joint Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
and Common Council.

Monday, Jan. 4, 1904.

Meeting of the City Government of 1904 for organization.

The members-elect of the Board of Aldermen met in their chamber at 10 o'clock A. M., Alderman-elect Doyle, the senior member, in the chair.

The Board was notified by a committee of the Common Council-elect, that a quorum of the members-elect of the Common Council were in session, ready to proceed to business, and the members-elect of the Board of Aldermen at 10:43 A. M., proceeded to join the members-elect of the Common Council in joint convention.

The members-elect of the Common Council assembled in the Common Council Chamber, and were called to order at 10:35 A. M., by Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, senior member-elect.

Mr. WOOD, on taking the Chair, said:—Members-elect of the Common Council of 1904 will please come to order. I will request Mr. O'Kane, Clerk of the Common Council of 1903, to act as clerk pro tem.

The Clerk then called the roll from the official list certified by the City Clerk, and a quorum was found to be present.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That a committee be appointed to invite the Board of Aldermen-elect to join the Common Council-elect in the Common Council Chamber to be qualified.

Passed, and Councilmen-elect Abbott of Wd. 24, Graumann of Wd. 22 and McDermott of Wd. 7 were appointed said committee. They retired at 10:40 A.M., and presently reported that they had performed the duty assigned and that the Aldermen-elect would be in attendance very soon. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The Board of Aldermen-elect entered the Common Council Chamber at 10:47 A.M., escorted by the City Messenger, and took seats with the Common Council-elect. Alderman-elect Doyle took the Chair.

On motion of Ald.-elect O'TOOLE, it was voted that a joint committee of five members-elect of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council be appointed to notify the Mayor that the members-elect of the two branches were assembled in the Common Council Chamber for the purpose of being qualified.

Ald.-elect O'Toole and Bromberg, and Councilmen-elect Wood of Wd. 20, Maynard of Wd. 8, and Brazzell of Wd. 13, were appointed said committee. They retired at 10:49 A.M., and presently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned, and that His Honor the Mayor would be in attendance upon the convention in a very few minutes.

The report was accepted and the committee was dismissed.

His Honor Mayor Patrick A. Collins, accompanied by Rev. Robert J. Johnson, chaplain; Chief Justice Marcus P. Knowlton, Sheriff Fred H. Seavey, ex-Mayors Thomas N. Hart and Samuel A. Green, Mayor's Secretary Michael P. Curran, William T. A. Fitzgerald, president of the democratic city committee; Superintendent of Streets James Donovan, Corporation Counsel Andrew J. Bailey, City Solicitor Thomas M. Babson, City Treasurer George U. Crocker, and others, entered the Common Council Chamber, escorted by the City Messenger, at 10:55 A.M., and took seats with the convention.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, as follows:—

Almighty and Eternal God, we pray that Thou wilt bless and prosper all the transactions of this, our City Government, throughout the year on which we have just entered. Let Thy blessing rest upon the City, and upon all these people. Especially do we implore Thee, as the Supreme Governor of all who govern, as the Ruler of all who rule, to grant to the men chosen to administer the affairs of this great city the wisdom and the grace to administer their duties as faithful stewards in Thy sight. May they realize the solemn responsibility that rests upon them. May they use their authority discreetly, conscientiously, honorably—never with a selfish purpose—but always with an eye only to the welfare of the city and all its inhabitants. Support and guide him, we pray Thee, O Lord, whom we have chosen to be again Mayor of this city, that he may continue to sustain the right, to oppose all that is unworthy, and only to help that which is good. May he continue to fearlessly and without reproach administer the great trust that has been committed to him; and may his every act promote the public good. Give also, we beseech Thee, to his associates in the City Government—especially to the members of the City Council—the knowledge and discretion which are essential for the right performance of their duties. Give them the unselfish spirit which should ever actuate those to whom the people's interests have been committed. Guide, we pray Thee, all their proceedings, that all their acts may be acts of righteousness and justice, and that the interests of the people may be always safe in their hands. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into all their hearts, and preserve in them the strength and courage to act upon every occasion as men of conscience, determined to walk uprightly before Thee and to serve their constituents with inflexible integrity of intention and absolutely purity of purpose. Endow them with wisdom in law-making. Give them enlightened judgement in all that concerns and deals with the affairs of the city, so that all their doings may tend to the welfare and prosperity of Boston, and may reflect credit upon our beloved city and upon themselves. Guide, guard and keep us all, we pray Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, and mercifully grant that we may merit Thy holy blessing, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The City Clerk read a statement from the Board of Election Commissioners, certifying the names of members-elect of the City Council.

The list submitted by the Board of Election Commissioners was as follows:—

ALDERMEN.

John Edward Baldwin.
Patrick Bowen.
Hugh William Bresnahan.
Edward Justin Bromberg.
James Michael Curley.
James Henry Doyle.
Henry Adams Frothingham.
William John Hennessey.
Fred James Kneeland.
Frank John O'Toole.
Edward Louis Quinley.
Charles Henry Slattery.
Daniel Aloysius Whelton.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Wd. 1—William G. Harrington, Lewis B. McKie, Gilbert M. Stalker.
Wd. 2—Joseph F. Carter, Edward W. Colbert, Joseph F. Crowley.
Wd. 3—John J. Conway, Michael J. Eagan, Thomas F. Fitzgerald.
Wd. 4—John D. Cadoran, John F. Collins, Peter A. McDonald.
Wd. 5—Arthur W. Dolan, James E. Fitzgerald, William F. Murray, Jr.

Wd. 6—Philip J. McGonagle, Thomas J. McMackin, Max L. Rachkowsky.

Wd. 7—William A. H. Crowley, William J. Foley, James F. McDermott.

Wd. 8—David Mancovitz, Joseph A. Maynard, Robert K. McKirdy.

Wd. 9—John W. Craig, Frank J. Gethro, Daniel L. Sullivan.

Wd. 10—J. Bernard Ferber, Edward N. Lacey, Charles W. M. Williams.

Wd. 11—Philip S. Dalton, Myron E. Pierce, S. William Slims.

Wd. 12—Humphrey J. Collins, Fred A. Ewell, Nathan B. MacLoud.

Wd. 13—Eugene T. Brazzell, James J. Moynihan, William L. Newton.

Wd. 14—John J. Driscoll, William J. Drummond, Joseph H. Reagan.

Wd. 15—Thomas B. Bradley, Clement H. Colman, Timothy J. Sullivan, Jr.

Wd. 16—Charles M. Callahan, George F. Coughlin, John M. McDonald.

Wd. 17—James J. Conboy, William J. Gleason, William P. Grady.

Wd. 18—William J. Barrett, Thomas J. Fay, Joseph P. Good.

Wd. 19—James J. Kelley, Charles F. Mackenzie, Michael A. Spillane.

Wd. 20—Tilton S. Bell, Thomas Leavitt, George O. Wood.

Wd. 21—Sherwin L. Cook, Edwin T. McKnight, Fred P. Warner.

Wd. 22—John Graumann, Matthew J. Hanley, Jeremiah J. Hourin.

Wd. 23—John J. Conway, Paul L. Jepson, James A. Price.

Wd. 24—Gideon B. Abbott, James Oliver Higgins, Charles Patterson.

Wd. 25—Patrick H. Barry, Francis B. McKinney, Edward M. Richardson.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor-elect Patrick A. Collins by Chief Justice Knowlton.

The usual oaths of office were administered by Mayor Collins to the Aldermen-elect and Councilmen-elect, all being present except Councilman-elect Carter and Colbert of Wd. 2, Pierce of Wd. 11 and Bell of Wd. 20.

The Chief Justice and Sheriff retired at 11:10 A.M.

Ald. DOYLE—Members of the City Council will give their attention, while His Honor Mayor Collins delivers his address to the City Council.

Mayor Collins then read his address, which was as follows:—
Gentlemen of the City Council:—

I first welcome you all to a share in the important public work delegated to us by the people, and invite your cordial co-operation through the year in making our sworn duty a labor of love as well. Let it be remembered that, however varied our constituencies, we are summoned here to serve the whole community, and are charged by oath and conscience to meet that responsibility.

The city is limited by law in its power to tax and in its right to borrow. It will be our duty to see to what purposes the financial resources of the city shall be honestly applied.

We must first meet obligations imposed by the dominant power of the Commonwealth, as well as the demands of institutions of our own creation, and then, if there be anything left, determine whether it should be spent in new ventures, wisely chosen, or, better yet, used to decrease the heavy tax rate.

We have been pushed into debt by the Commonwealth, and by the hasty enthusiasm of our predecessors, so that the load which should be borne by a generation of taxpayers is carried practically by those of a decade.

But while we must meet the obligations

already fixed upon us, it is our plain duty to safeguard the future, and to incur only such new obligations as we can reasonably carry.

The gross debt of the city is \$85,946,106, and the net debt \$55,627,647.57.

The detail will be found in Appendix I.

The borrowing capacity of the City is \$3,235,400.59, and the detail will be found in Appendix II.

The total amount of debt issued in the year 1903 is \$5,859,100. Of this amount \$1,600,000 is for East Boston Tunnel, and \$505,000 for "highways, making of." The interest and sinking-fund requirements on these two amounts are by law charged to the loans, leaving \$3,784,100 to be paid from taxes, as follows:—

Amount Issued.	Term.	Annual Rate.	Annual Tax
\$544,400	5 years	Interest, .035	
		Sinking Fund, .183	.218 \$18,679 29
62,500	10 "	Interest, .035	
		Sinking Fund, .085	.120 7,500 00
1,952,200	20 "	Interest, .035	
		Sinking Fund, .036	.071 140,606 20
1,025,000	30 "	Interest, .075	
		Sinking Fund, .021	.056 57,400 00
200,000	40 "	Interest, .035	
		Sinking Fund, .013	.048 9,600 00

\$3,784.10° \$33,785 40

On the valuation of May 1, 1903, this would add 28 cents in the \$1000 to the tax rate; or, put another way, if it had not happened the tax rate might have been reduced 28 cents in the \$1000.

Men at the State House and in City Hall must shun Micawber's view of finance, because every million dollars borrowed for general purposes calls for, as the term of the bond varies, from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, taken out of current income and withdrawn from use in public works and payment for useful labor.

All of us who must officially take into account the borrowing power of the city within the debt limit, and the right to borrow for special purposes outside of it, are warned to halt and consider what the city will be compelled to pay on account of new loans in the near future. The Washington st. subway (No. 1) will cost about \$6,500,000, according to conservative estimate; the Washington st. subway (No. 2) which may be built at any time now and must be built 3 years after the first is finished, will probably cost \$6,000,000; and the Cambridge st. subway, \$1,500,000. These projects "take care of themselves," as the interest and sinking fund requirements are included in cost.

Other important and imminent public improvements, however, the sinking-fund requirements and interest for which the City must pay in full, year by year, without any return, are:

New Cambridge Bridge, Boston's share..	\$750,000
Cove-street Bridge.....	750 000
Northern-avenue Bridge and Street.....	500 000
Broadway Bridge, balance, say.....	60 000
Charles River Dam, perhaps.....	5,000 000
Sewerage Works.....	1,000,000

The Charles River Dam scheme was a problem from engineering, sanitary, hydrographic and financial points of view. The three first appear to be settled to the satisfaction of the legislature; the fourth will justify for the present the caution of estimating the direct and resultant cost to this city of the amount stated, \$5,000,000. It is, however, fair to admit that a considerable part of this amount might be called for in any event—at some time—in the cause of better sanitation for Boston.

Yet we face the prospect of having to meet the demands for the whole of this \$8,000,000 in the immediate future, and the yearly cost will by so much reduce our ability to pay for local improvements, labor to clean our streets and mend our ways

The Commonwealth has been the chief offender against the taxpayers of this City in the imposition of new financial burdens. The net amount paid by Boston to the Commonwealth in settlement this year was nearly seven times what it was in 1893, nearly four times what was paid on the average annually from 1894 to 1900. This operation has taken nearly \$1,500,000 a year out of Boston's resources for local purposes.

The County of Suffolk, though comprising two towns and another city, has all its county expenses paid by Boston. We pay for its jail and courts, among other things, and the county, for litigation, is favored by most of the lawyers in the state. More than half of all the cases are tried here at our expense, and the increasing cost of sheltering foreign litigants, paying jurors and court officers to serve them, has become an oppression.

Last year the legislature created two extra judges, practically to sit in Suffolk, and a corps of additional clerks and officials resulted.

The health department had to be ejected from its hearing room to make way for an improvised court room, while the court house itself was squeezed to get another one. If this pressure upon Suffolk County continues more court rooms must be provided, or a change of the venue law for cases must be enacted.

Fairly one-half the cases tried in Suffolk ought to be tried elsewhere—in the counties where the causes of action originate. One case alone has recently cost the county, and therefore this city, about \$3000, when in equity to us it should have been adjudicated elsewhere, though the attorney suing out the writ was within his legal right in electing this jurisdiction.

By this practice of bringing more than half of all the cases into Suffolk County that belong elsewhere by right, we are put to enormously increasing expense, and we receive nothing in return. Exhibit III. shows, partially, this increase in cost, but it does not show it all, because it cannot take into account all elements of expense.

Next comes the ever increasing annual expense of the police department, over which the city has no efficient control; yet its expenditures have risen from \$1,280,530.02 in 1893-4 to \$1,883,865.68 in 1903-4, without reckoning the cost of the absurd police listing act of last year. Appendix IV. states the progressive expense account of the police establishment, by years, in the period mentioned.

The school department is somewhat of an anomaly, separated by statute from the central administration of the city, and, among other things, making up its own appropriation bills. The present members cannot be held responsible for what they inherited, but it cannot be an affront to them to suggest that the cost of school maintenance in Boston has vastly increased, and to ask if the educational results justify it. The cost per pupil has increased from \$26.21 in 1885-6 to \$34.93 in 1902-3, and the net rate, per capita of population, has run from \$4.21 in 1885-6 to \$5.65 in 1902-3.

If any person interested in public school education cares to see in detail the growth of school maintenance expenditure in these years, it may be found in Appendix VI.

For some years school buildings were neglected, and no adequate provisions for new structures was made. In 1901 the School Committee, as best they could, worked out a plan which took form in chapter 413 of the Acts of the Legislature of that year.

That act provided that an amount not exceeding one million dollars a year for four successive years might be appropriated by the city from loans to purchase school sites and erect buildings "determined to be necessary prior to the year 1902"; and it was estimated that four million dollars would be sufficient for the purpose. The act was amended at my request in 1902, so that one million five hundred thousand dollars a year might be appropriated.

Four million dollars have already been placed at the disposal of the commissioners, and they are proceeding with diligence and fidelity in their work. The commission, however, now report that \$3,000,000 more will be required. I transmit their detailed statement in a separate message.

It will manifestly be our duty to appropriate \$1,500,000 this year, as in 1902 and 1903, in order that the work of providing necessary school accommodations shall proceed with all possible speed.

We simply deal with a condition created by the neglect of the government in past years, and the burden must be borne.

In my message two years ago attention was called to the pressing need of adequate accommodations to transact the city business, in the hope that some plan might be evolved for a new city hall, or better yet, perhaps, for a group of buildings for central city administration, equal to our needs for a long period of time.

As expected, many schemes have been presented, and all have been carefully considered from every point of view—site, cost and convenience. I have personally examined every site suggested, and worked out the approximate cost of every scheme proposed.

I regret that thus far I have made no marked progress towards a specific recommendation, and the subject is adverted to here merely for the purpose of keeping the needs of the city in mind, in the hope that the best judgment and wisdom of our people may be enlisted in solving the vexed problem. It may be deemed best later on to appoint a commission to carefully examine the whole subject, to invite public discussion, and to report their conclusions to the City Government.

The City will be honored in August by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, perhaps for the last time. It will be our pleasure, as well as patriotic duty, to make the visit memorable in our annals, and to co-operate with the Commonwealth in a welcome worthy of the place where American liberty was cradled.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

CITY AND COUNTY DEBT.

Gross funded debt, Dec. 31, 1902.....	\$83,114,006 00
Add funded debt issued in 1903.....	5,889,100 00
	<u>\$89,003,106 00</u>
Deduct funded debt paid in 1903.....	3,057,000 00
	<u>\$85,946,106 00</u>
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1903.....	\$85,946,106 00
Sinking Funds, Dec. 31, 1902	\$28,847,096 77
Receipts during 1903.....	3,096,185 40
	<u>\$31,943,282 17</u>
Payments during 1903.....	3,043,068 89
	<u>\$28,900,213 28</u>
Betterments, etc., the payments of which are pledged to the payment of debt:	
Betterments, etc.....	\$820,441 19
Blue Hill and other Avenues, assessments ..	597,803 96
	<u>1,418,245 15</u>
Total redemption means Dec. 31, 1903.	30,318,459 43
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1903.....	<u>\$55,627,647 57</u>
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1903.....	\$85,946,106 00
Gross debt, Dec. 31, 1902.....	83,114,006 00
Increase	<u>\$2,832,100 00</u>
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1903.....	\$55,627,647 57
Net debt, Dec. 31, 1902.....	52,823,884 36
Increase	<u>\$2,803,763 21</u>
City debt.....	\$74,254,106 00
County debt.....	3,465,000 00
Cochituate water debt.....	8,227,000 00
	<u>\$85,946,106 00</u>

APPENDIX II.

RIGHT TO BORROW IN 1904.

Total debt, City and County, Jan. 1, 1904.....	\$85,946,106 00
Less special loans (outside of limit).....	\$37,840,400 00
Cochituate water debt....	8,227,000 00
County debt (outside limit)	2,904,000 00
	<u>48,971,400 00</u>
	<u>\$36,974,706 00</u>
Sinking funds.....	\$29,124,966 73
Less Cochituate water sinking fund.....	\$7,924,625 73
Special loans sinking funds	8,103,789 63
County Court House sinking fund.....	814,897 80
	<u>16,843,313 16</u>
	<u>12,281,653 57</u>
Debt, excluding debts outside of limit and deducting sinking funds for said debt.....	<u>\$24,693,052 43</u>
Two and one-half per cent. on \$1,179,268,057 (average valuation for three years), less abatements.....	\$29,481,701 42
Debt, as above.....	<u>24,693,052 43</u>
	<u>\$4,788,648 99</u>
April 1, 1904, interest on investments	102,453 05
May 30, 1904, interest on investments	4,470 00
July 1, 1904, interest on investments	81,357 25
Oct. 1, 1904, interest on investments	102,453 05
Oct. 1, 1904, debt paid from appropriation	17,000 00
Nov. 1, 1904, appropriation for debt.....	1,089,921 00
Nov. 30, 1904, interest on investments	4,470 00
Jan. 1, 1905, interest on investments.....	79,417 25
Jan. 1, 1905, interest on bank deposits	59,000 00
	<u>\$6,329,200 59</u>
Less loans authorized but not issued (inside limit)	<u>3,093,800 00</u>
Right to borrow.....	<u>\$3,235,400 59</u>

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK—GENERAL EXPENSES.

1894-95 and 1902-03 Compared.

	1894-95.	1902-03.	Increase.
County buildings	\$68,820 09	\$75,546 99	\$6,726 90
Jail	33,603 39	51,807 03	18,203 73
Supreme Judicial Court.....	24,520 11	30,450 90	5,905 79
Superior Court, Civil.....	153,012 45	233,250 49	80,238 04
Superior Court, Criminal.....	88,042 40	95,814 05	7,771 65
Probate Court and office.....	30,895 44	27,243 31	*3,652 13
Municipal Court, Justices.....	23,413 33	35,300 00	11,886 67
Municipal Court, Civil.....	15,900 63	21,923 77	6,023 14
Municipal Court, Criminal.....	53,506 31	52,774 62	*731 69
Municipal Court, Charlestown District.....	9,086 01	9,033 12	*52 89
East Boston District Court.....	7,646 97	7,993 26	346 29
Municipal Court:—			
South Boston District.....	11,442 02	10,075 83	*1,366 19
Dorchester District	5,024 57	5,333 01	308 44
Roxbury District	10,727 06	12,514 80	1,787 74
West Roxbury District.....	5,638 63	5,460 13	*178 50
Brighton District	5,200 29	5,551 17	350 88
Police Court, Chelsea.....	8,228 02	7,567 27	*660 75
Insanity Cases	14,370 28	19,893 98	5,523 70
Medical Examinations	13,562 79	14,143 86	581 07
Registry of Deeds.....	21,056 80	50,725 51	29,668 71
Fire Marshal	5,963 98		*5,963 98
Court of Land Registration.....		1,097 49	1,097 49
Miscellaneous expenses	14,711 40	29,330 10	14,618 70
	<u>\$624,372 88</u>	<u>\$802,805 69</u>	<u>\$191,038 94</u>
Less decrease.....			<u>12,606 13</u>
			<u>\$178,432 81</u>
Add decrease in income.....			<u>18,786 15</u>
			<u>\$197,218 96</u>

*Decrease.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK—GENERAL INCOME.

1894-95 and 1902-03 Compared.

	1894-05.	1902-03.	Decrease.
Supreme Judicial Court.....	\$3,668 80	\$4,309 00	*\$340 20
Superior Court, Civil.....	18,609 16	24,316 68	*5,707 52
Superior Court, Criminal.....	29,812 59	17,513 80	12,292 79
Jail	1,122 36	879 50	242 86
Municipal Court, Civil.....	17,404 35	21,625 45	*4,221 10
Municipal Court, Criminal.....	62,205 36	39,491 90	22,713 46
Municipal Court, Charlestown District.....	6,002 01	4,244 87	1,757 14
East Boston District Court.....	3,816 75	3,947 15	*130 40
Municipal Court:—			
South Boston District.....	6,262 01	3,717 84	2,544 17
Dorchester District	3,442 55	3,125 50	317 05
Roxbury District	14,098 35	9,071 28	5,027 07
West Roxbury District.....	1,596 92	1,042 36	554 56
Brighton District	1,806 62	1,533 52	273 10
Police Court, Chelsea.....	932 15	258 00	674 15
Registry of Deeds.....		26,700 45	*26,700 45
Fire Marshal	9,767 42		9,767 42
Miscellaneous	1,221 05	1,198 00	23 05
	\$181,768 45	\$162,982 30	\$56,185 82
Less increase.....			37,399 67
			\$18,786 15

*Increase.

APPENDIX IV.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Running Expenses for Ten Years:

1893-94	\$1,280,530 02
1894-95	1,318,186 75
1895-96	1,501,703 28
1896-97	1,661,156 01
1897-98	1,677,887 26
1898-99	1,680,542 36
1899-1900	1,640,510 83
1900-01	1,663,984 92
1901-02	1,754,150 94
1902-03	1,829,774 31
1893-04 (appropriation)	1,833,865 68
Increase, over \$600,000.	

APPENDIX V.

METROPOLITAN ASSESSMENTS.

Sewer Assessments.

	Total Assessments.	Boston's Share.	Percentage.
1892.....	\$55,244.50	\$12,625.73	22.85
1893.....	99,795.16	21,905.63	21.95
1894.....	214,093.44	46,517.66	21.73
1895.....	277,636.69	59,702.19	21.51
1896.....	*		
1897.....	683,334.75	146,601.30	21.45
1898.....	348,072.95	75,421.14	21.67
1899.....	536,841.79	95,753.81	17.84
1900.....	464,362.65	129,773.27	27.95
1901.....	466,077.94	126,662.23	27.18
1902.....	441,011.05	110,330.35	25.00
1903.....	520,762.52	139,178.30	26.73

*Assessment for 1896 included in 1897.

Note.—The proportions which the several cities and towns shall annually pay are figured at different rates for the north and south sewerage systems, and also for the cost of construction and maintenance; but for the purpose of this table the assessments have been added together and the percentage of the whole given. The premium received on bonds sold is credited by the State to the interest account, which is also one of the causes of the variation in the percentages.

Metropolitan Water Assessments.

	Total Assessments.	Boston's Share.	Percentage.
1898.....	\$335,807.48	\$285,600.54	85.05
1899.....	489,102.32	411,861.54	84.21
1900.....	697,968.04	578,696.96	82.91
1901.....	1,415,209.41	1,163,105.62	82.61
1902.....	1,546,081.23	1,274,105.31	82.41
1903.....	1,863,561.08	1,510,857.46	80.86

Metropolitan Park Assessments.

	Total Assessments.	Boston's Share.	Percentage.
1900.....	\$517,923.17	\$253,961.59	50.00
1901.....	570,897.13	285,448.59	50.00

1902.....	619,418.96	309,709.50	50.00
Interest on deferred payments	48,668.43	24,334.22	50.00
	\$1,756,907.69	\$878,453.90	50.00
1903.....	629,076.58	314,538.27	50.00

APPENDIX VI.

COST OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE.

	Net Running Expenses.	Net Rate per Pupil.	Net Rate per Capita Population.
1885-86.....	\$1,642,321.99	\$26.81	\$4.21
1886-87.....	1,622,691.80	26.06	4.04
1887-88.....	1,742,347.07	28.00	4.22
1888-89.....	1,808,946.73	28 01	4.26
1889-90.....	1,875,973.46	28.42	4.30
1890-91.....	1,907,803.38	28.47	4.25
1891-92 (9 mos.)	1,469,972.80	21.71	3.21
1892-93.....	1,953,147.51	28.32	4.18
1893-94.....	1,971,908.19	27.58	4.13
1894-95.....	2,061,160.50	28.00	4.23
1895-96.....	2,175,686.23	29.14	4.38
1896-97.....	2,262,912.81	28.95	4.44
1897-98.....	2,442,159.61	29.91	4.63
1898-99.....	2,633,760.76	31.73	4.93
1899-1900.....	2,771,015.73	31.95	5.06
1900-01.....	2,928,327.38	32.96	5.22
1901-02.....	3,123,190.80	34.22	5.45
1902-03.....	3,318,738.18	34.98	5.65

APPENDIX VII.

Appropriations for Schoolhouses, Sites, and Permanent Improvements in Schoolhouses, 1885 to 1903 (Permanent Improvements charged to Regular Appropriations not included).

	From Taxes.	Sales of Prop.	Loans.	Total.
1885-86	\$188,891 15			\$188,891 15
1886-87	81,000 00		\$238,217 38	319,217 38
1887-88	38,285 79			38,285 79
1888-89	452 50		129,397 07	129,849 57
1889-90	114,083 85	\$159,956 63	141,500 00	415,540 48
1890-91	22,500 00	471 42	930,000 00	952,971 42
1891-92	603 21	115,532 15	9,212 24	125,347 60
1892-93		17,000 00	396,925 00	413,925 00
1893-94			418,100 00	418,100 00
1894-95	1,596 38	13,670 82	558,000 00	573,267 20
1895-96			611,500 00	611,500 00
1896-97			800,000 00	800,000 00
1897-98	2,572 58		780,539 61	783,112 19
1898-99			656,000 00	656,000 00
1899-1900			809,069 41	809,069 41
1900-01	5,000 00	623 79	300,000 00	305,623 79
1901-02		12,460 50	1,550,000 00	1,562,460 50
1902-03	90,000 00		*1,500,000 00	1,590,000 00
1903-04			1,500,000 00	1,500,000 00

*\$1,000,000 of this amt approved Jan. 22, 1902.

At the conclusion of the Mayor's address he was given hearty applause.

The Mayor and suite retired, the convention dissolved, and the Aldermen returned to their Chamber, leaving the Council Chamber at 11:28 A.M.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Board of Aldermen reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 11:36 A.M., and Ald. Doyle, the senior member, took the Chair.

The Chair directed the Clerk to call the roll, which was done, and all the members answered to their names, as follows:—

Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Curley, Doyle, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Slattery, Whelton—13.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we proceed to the election of a Chairman for the year 1904.

The motion was carried and the Chair directed the Clerk to call the roll.

The roll was called with the following result:—

For James H. Doyle—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Curley, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Slattery, Whelton—12. (Ald. Doyle not voting.)

Ald. Doyle was accordingly declared unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Aldermen. (Applause.)

Chairman DOYLE said:—

Gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen: You have honored me by choosing me as your presiding officer for the year 1904. It is almost needless for me to say that I appreciate the trust you have seen fit to repose in me, and I shall do my best during the coming municipal year to prove myself worthy of the confidence you have shown in me by endeavoring to preside fairly and honestly, with courtesy and thoughtfulness toward all.

I feel sure, gentlemen, that I shall have your hearty co-operation in the administration of the affairs of the Board of Aldermen. I both desire and need it, so as to better further the transaction of such business as may come before us.

May we, during the coming year, live like a happy family, and may the Almighty in His mercy spare us and give us health and wisdom to properly discharge the trust committed to our hands by the citizens of Boston.

Gentlemen: The Board of Aldermen of 1904 is now ready for business, and I await your pleasure. (Applause.)

At this point Ald. SLATTERY moved that a message be sent to the Common Council informing that branch that this Board has organized by the choice of James H. Doyle as Chairman.

The motion was carried, and Ald. Slattery was appointed a committee to deliver the message.

He retired and returned presently, reporting that he had attended to the duty assigned him.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the driving of horses at a rate of speed greater than that allowed by ordinance be permitted on Chelsea St., East Boston, during the present winter season.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed to make inspection of the prisons in Suffolk County, as required by law.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee: Ald. Quigley, Bresnahan and Bromberg.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the several standing committees of this Board, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred

to this Board by the last Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the driving of horses at a greater rate of speed than allowed by the Ordinances be permitted on Commonwealth Ave., between Malvern St. and the Essex St. Bridge, during the present winter.

Passed.

Ald. BROMBERG offered the following:—

Whereas, The members of this Board of Aldermen learn with deep sorrow of the awful catastrophe at Chicago; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, in session assembled, hereby extends to the people of the stricken city its heartfelt sympathy in their hour of grief and sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of Chicago.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That a committee of two be appointed to procure suitable badges for the members of the Board of Aldermen; the expense incurred to be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Bowen and Bromberg.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of three members of this Board, be appointed to determine the amounts of aid to be allowed to soldiers and sailors and their families, and other persons, under the provisions of chapter 79 of the Revised Laws, and any acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for soldiers' Relief.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Hennessey, Curley and Baldwin.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the City Treasurer be directed to pay the amounts of aid that may be allowed to soldiers and sailors and their families and other persons under the provisions of chapter 79 of the Revised Laws and any acts in addition thereto or amendment thereof, and that he be authorized to employ such assistance as may be required for the purpose; the amounts so paid, and the expense incurred on account thereof, to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of his inaugural address.

Passed. Sent down.

At this point a committee of the Common Council, consisting of Messrs. Conway of Wd. 23, Graumann of Wd. 22, and Driscoll of Wd. 14, was announced.

The committee informed the Board that the Common Council had organized with the choice of Arthur W. Dolan as President and Joseph O'Kane as Clerk.

The CHAIRMAN—The Board receives the message and congratulates the Common Council upon its choice.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Chairman of this Board, be, and hereby is, authorized to employ Frank X. Chisholm as stenographer and clerk for the members of the Board, to date from January 1, 1904; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Salaries.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY moved that the Board proceed to the election of a Clerk of Committees, in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 26 of the Revised Laws.

The motion was carried, and the Clerk

called the roll, with the following result:

For John F. Dever—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Frothingham, Hennessey, O'Toole, Quigley, Slattery, Whelton—11.

For James R. Crozier—Ald. Curley, Kneeland—2.

Mr. John F. Dever was accordingly declared elected Clerk of Committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen. Notice sent down.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, it was voted that the Board proceed to the election of a City Messenger.

The Clerk called the roll, and all the members voted for Edward J. Leary. Mr. Edward J. Leary was accordingly declared elected City Messenger on the part of the Board. Notice sent down.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of five members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several topics of the Mayor's Inaugural address.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Slattery, Kneeland, Bromberg, Frothingham and O'Toole.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the several joint standing committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this City Government by the last City Council.

Passed. Sent down.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That Monday of each week at 3 o'clock P.M., be the day and hour on which regular meetings of this Board shall be held, until otherwise ordered.

Passed.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the rules and orders of the last City Council, except Rule 20, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered; and that five members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to draft a set of rules for the government of the present City Council.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Doble, Bowen, Quigley, Bresnahan and Bromberg. Sent down.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the rules and orders of the last Board of Aldermen, except Rule 32, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Board, until otherwise ordered; and that a special committee of five members of this Board be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the present year.

Passed. The Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Doyle, Bowen, Quigley, Bresnahan and Bromberg.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders, and that said committee also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Printing.

Passed. Sent down.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4, 1904.

To the City Council:—

Under Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897 and acts in amendment thereof, the City is authorized to annually appropriate by loans, outside of the debt limit, \$1,000,000 for the construction of sewerage works.

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets and a vote of the Board of Street Commissioners, requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000.

As the money appropriated last year for the construction of sewerage works is now nearly exhausted, I request that the appended order be passed as early as possible.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department.

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Jan. 2, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by Chapter 257 of the Acts of 1898 and Chapter 450 of the Acts of 1899, provides that the City Council may annually appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000 for sewerage works. The appropriation for the construction of these works is about exhausted, and I respectfully request that a message and order for the sum of \$1,000,000 be sent to the City Council at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,

Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston,
Street Commissioner's Office, City Hall.
In Board of Street Commissioners.

January 1, 1901.

Voted: That the City Treasurer be requested to issue one million dollars of the sewerage loan authorized by section 6 of chapter 426 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1897, and chapter 257 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1898, payable at his option, and bearing interest at his discretion.

A true copy.

Attest: J. J. O'Callaghan, Secretary.

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen.

January 4, 1904.

Ordered: That the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and Acts in amendment of or in addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, when appointed.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I enclose the request of the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, approved by me, that One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) be provided for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1901.

It is desirable that an order providing this appropriation be passed immediately.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.—Schoolhouse Department.
Walker Building, 120 Boylston St.

Jan. 4, 1904.

To the Honorable the City Council:—

Gentlemen—In accordance with the provisions of section 4 of Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1902, the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners hereby, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, request you to appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) to meet the expense of carrying out the provisions of section 3, Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1901.

The schoolhouses and sites intended to be paid for from loans issued under the above Acts were embraced in a list of 42 items, prepared by this Board in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and dated Dec. 18, 1901. Those not yet provided for are shown in a table appended hereto, which table also shows the estimated cost of the sanitation, fire escapes, furniture, alteration of heating and ventilating systems, and other work deemed necessary by the Schoolhouse Commission and intended to be covered by the said Acts.

Respectfully,

R. Clipston Sturgis, Chairman.

Appendix.

Jan. 4, 1904.

Memorandum of items in list dated Dec. 18, 1901, remaining unsatisfied, and of other work intended to be paid for by Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by

Chapter 386 of the Acts of 1902, but not yet done.

The balance of the appropriation for 1903 will take care of item 10—"New District on the old Gibson School site, large grammar schoolhouse"; items 13 and 14, "South Boston, New District, grammar schoolhouse in the vicinity of City Point"; item 30, "Washington Allston District, present Brentwood St. site, grammar schoolhouse"; and item 37, "South Boston, John A. Andrew District—replace present Ticknor Schoolhouse with a new primary schoolhouse".

The following list shows other items remaining to be provided for, with their estimated cost:—

Item 3. Roxbury, Lowell District—A two room addition to the present Wyman Primary Schoolhouse	\$18,000
Item 9. South End—Addition to Girls' High School site, (land taken).....	60,000
Item 11. Charlestown—New High School. Present lot to be enlarged, (land taken)	250,000
Item 12. South Boston, Lincoln District—Tuckerman site, corner L and Fourth streets, new primary schoolhouse.....	80,000
Item 16. Back Bay, Prince District—Southwest of Massachusetts avenue, grammar schoolhouse, (cared for by item 22)	
Item 17. Phillips Brooks District. A primary schoolhouse to contain eight rooms, (land and building).....	90,000
Item 19. Mechanic Arts High Schoolhouse to be enlarged, (land taken)....	410,000
Items 20, 21 and 22. Normal School, a Girls' Latin school and a grammar and primary school to be used as a training school for the Normal.....	703,500
Item 23. Roxbury, Lewis District. In the vicinity of Perrin street, primary schoolhouse	135,000
Item 25. Jamaica Plain, Agassiz District—South of Forest Hills station, grammar schoolhouse, (taken care of by addition to Francis Parkman School).	
Item 27. Henry L. Pierce District—In the vicinity of Bailey street, primary schoolhouse	90,000
Item 28. Dorchester, Harvard Street District—Primary schoolhouse, taken care of by retaining the old Gibson school and re-locating on the lot).	
Item 29. Dorchester, Edward Everett District—In the vicinity of Savin Hill avenue, a primary schoolhouse.....	10,000
Items 31, 32, 33 and 40. Roxbury, Dillaway District—A four room addition to the present grammar schoolhouse. Roxbury, Dillaway District—A four room addition to the Bartlett Street Schoolhouse. Dudley District—A four room addition to the present William Bacon Schoolhouse, (replaced by a new grammar building).....	160,000
Item 34. Roslindale, Longfellow District—New primary schoolhouse, (taken care of by Francis Parkman addition).	
Item 35. Dorchester, Roger Wolcott District. Lauriat Ave. District, primary schoolhouse	80,000
Item 36. Roxbury, Dearborn District—Replace the present Dearborn Schoolhouse with a new grammar schoolhouse	200,000
Item 38. East Boston, Lyman District—Replace present Webb Schoolhouse with new primary schoolhouse.....	140,000
Item 39. West Roxbury, Robert G. Shaw District—In the vicinity of Central Station, primary schoolhouse.....	41,000
Sanitation in summer of 1904, old buildings	75,000
Fire exits, 1904, old buildings.....	25,000
Furniture required in 1904.....	51,000
Heating and ventilating, 1904, in old buildings	75,000
To this must be added to complete the furniture required for the 42 items.....	100,000
Note. In case a primary schoolhouse to contain ten rooms be found necessary to meet the requirements of item 28 in the foregoing list, add the sum of	90,000

Total\$3,004,300

Making a balance of \$1,504,300, necessary to complete the work as planned.

Second. The alterations we deem necessary would include:

1. Completing building turned over to this department in an incomplete or imperfect condition 40,000
2. To put in good sanitary condition plumbing of 41 old buildings..... 240,000
3. To put in good sanitary condition the heating and ventilation of old buildings is a sum that it would be impossible for us to estimate at present with any accuracy, possibly..... 150,000

437,000
Making the total required.....\$1,934,300

Respectfully,

R. Clipston Sturgis,

Chairman.

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen.

January 4, 1904.

Whereas, the City Council has, in accordance with Stat. 1901, Chap. 473, Sec. 4, and amendments thereto, received from the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners a request, approved by the Mayor, that \$1,500,000 be appropriated to meet the expense of carrying out the provisions of Section 3 of said statute, it is hereby

Ordered: That the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) be, and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners in carrying out the provisions of Stat. 1901, Chap. 473, Sec. 3, and amendments thereto; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4, 1904

To the City Council:—

I most urgently request that an appropriation of \$56,000 be made by loan, to tardily obey the mandate of the United States Government, for the widening of the draws of the Fort Point Channel bridges. To delay any longer would not only subject the City to monthly fines, but invites serious public condemnation.

I trust that, for the honor of the City, this loan appropriation will be provided at once.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,

January 4, 1904.

Ordered: That the sum of fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000) be hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Engineering Department in reconstructing the Congress St. and Mount Washington Ave. bridges, in order to provide new channels of the width required by the mandate of the War Department of the United States; and the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue therefor, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

The Chairman presented petitions of 36 newsboys and 4 bootblacks for minors' licenses.

It was voted that licenses be issued.

Twenty-five traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, Sixth Jury Session, January Sitting, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

James J. Manix, Wd. 5; Herbert G. Bassett, Wd. 15; Frank E. Wingate, Wd. 25; John W. Johnston, Wd. 25; Timothy O'Connor, Wd. 24; Stephen V. R. Crosby, Wd. 11; James R. Hobdell, Wd. 1; Henry Dibbern, Wd. 24; Joseph H. Butler, Wd. 12; Arthur N. Frost, Wd. 8; Whitfield W. Baxter, Wd. 20; Francis F. Tuckerman, Wd. 25; John F. Hurley, Wd. 17; Daniel D. Jacques, Wd. 12; Charles E. Foster, Wd. 14; William J. Harris, Wd. 25; Frank H. Lowell, Wd. 9; John Dolan, Wd. 20; Hector F. McNeil, Wd. 23; Joseph Horan, Wd. 12; Thomas A.

Sanford, Wd. 25; Walter A. Wentworth, Wd. 25; Michael Mulvee, Wd. 17; Charles A. Cooke, Wd. 25; Patrick J. Rourke, Wd. 13.

Adjourned at 12:22 o'clock on motion of Ald. Bowen, to meet on Monday, Jan. 11, at 3 o'clock P.M.

IN COMMON COUNCIL

After the retirement of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council was called to order at 11:29 A.M. by Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, senior member.

The CHAIR—The Council will be in order. The Chair awaits the pleasure of the body.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 offered an order:—

That the Council now proceed to elect a president; that the roll be called by the Clerk; that each member, as his name is called, announce aloud for whom he votes; that the same be recorded by the Clerk, and that the person receiving a majority of the votes be declared elected President of the Common Council for the present municipal year.

The order was passed.

Pursuant to the order, the Clerk called the roll, and the members responded, announcing their choice for President, with the following result:—

For Arthur W. Dolan—Abbott, Barrett, Berry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, (12) H. J., Collins, (4) J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway, (3) J. J., Conway, (23) J. J., Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, (2) J. F., Crowley, (7) W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, (5) J. E., Fitzgerald, (3) T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, (16) J. M., McDonald, (4) P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, (9) D. L., Sullivan, (15) T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—70.

The CHAIR—Seventy members having voted for Arthur W. Dolan, you have elected him President of this body for the present year. (Applause.) I will appoint as a committee to escort the President to the Chair, Councilmen Barrett of Wd. 18 and Lacey of Wd. 10.

The Committee performed the duty assigned.

The CHAIR—Gentlemen of the Council it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Arthur W. Dolan, President of the Common Council for 1904. (Applause.)

President DOLAN, in taking the Chair, said:—

Gentlemen of the Common Council—For the very great honor which you have conferred upon me today by electing me unanimously to be the presiding officer of this body I cannot adequately express my thanks. To succeed one's self in an honorable office is very pleasing, but to succeed the distinguished men who have preceded me in this position—not including myself—and who have rendered great service, not alone to the City but to the Commonwealth and to the nation, is a distinction the full realization of which renders me the more grateful to you gentlemen. I will endeavor to exhibit the same liberality of spirit as you have shown today in electing me unanimously, without any question of politics; and I know that the Common Council of 1904 will, in its deliberations eliminate all questions of party and set up as its best test the welfare of the citizens. (Applause.)

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 170 of

the Acts of 1899, to the election of a Clerk of the Common Council for the present municipal year.

The order was passed, and the roll was called, with the following result.

For Joseph O'Kane—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Gady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Warner, Williams, Wood—69.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—2.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare Mr. Joseph O'Kane unanimously elected clerk of the Common Council for the year 1904. Corporation Counsel A. J. Bailey administered the oath of office to Joseph O'Kane as Clerk of the Common Council of 1904.

Notice was received from the Board of Aldermen, at this point, of the organization of the Board for 1904 by the choice of James H. Doyle as Chairman.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair congratulates the Board upon its choice of a Chairman. (Applause.)

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to say that Edward F. Colbert of Wd. 2 is now present, ready to qualify, and I move that a committee be appointed to escort him to the Mayor's office, so that he may qualify.

The motion was carried, and the President appointed as said committee: Messrs. McDermott of Wd. 7, Crowley of Wd. 2 and Abbott of Wd. 24, who retired with Mr. Colbert and presently returned stating that he had qualified as a member of the Common Council.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that the Common Council has organized by the choice of Arthur W. Dolan, president, and Joseph O'Kane, clerk.

The order was passed, and the president appointed as said committee: Messrs. Conway of Wd. 23, Graumann of Wd. 22, and Driscoll of Wd. 14. The committee retired at 11:46 A.M. and presently reported that they had performed the duty assigned.

Notice was received from the Board of Aldermen of the election on the part of that body of John F. Dever as Clerk of Committees.

The PRESIDENT offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1899, to the election of a Clerk of Committees.

The order was passed, and the roll was called, with the following result:

For John F. Dever—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, (12) H. J., Collins, (4) J. F., Colman, Conway, (3) J. J., Conway, (23) J. J., Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, (2) J. F., Crowley, (7) W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, (5) J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Good, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, (16) J. A., McDonald, (4) P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, (9) D. L., Sullivan, (15) T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—67.

For James R. Crozier—Conboy, Gleason, Grady—3.

The PRESIDENT—John F. Dever has received 67 votes and James R. Crozier three votes, and the Chair will rule that John F. Dever has been elected Clerk of Committees in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. SIMMS of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I desire to announce that Councilman-elect Myron E. Pierce of Wd. 11 has arrived, and I move that a committee be appointed to have him qualified so that he may discharge his duties.

The motion was carried, and Messrs. Simms of Wd. 11, McDermott of Wd. 7 and Jepson of Wd. 23 were appointed said committee. They retired with Mr. Pierce and presently returned, saying that he had qualified as a member of the Common Council.

Notice was received from the Board of Aldermen of the election by that body of Edward J. Leary as City Messenger.

The PRESIDENT offered an order—That the Council now proceed, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 170 of the acts of 1899, to the election of a City Messenger.

The order was passed, and the roll was called, with the following result:—

For Edward J. Leary—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J. Collins, J. F. Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F. Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fry, Frerber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Gray, Gummann, Hanley, Harrington, Hauin, Je son, Kelley, Leavitt, MacKenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Ragan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, S. Ake, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—72.

The PRESIDENT—Seventy-two members having voted for Edward J. Leary, you have elected him City Messenger, in concurrence.

The following papers were received from the Board of Aldermen:—

1. Ordered, That the several joint standing committees, when appointed, be authorized to resume the unfinished business referred to this City Government by the last City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

2. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish for publication a copy of his inaugural address.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That permission be granted for the driving of horses at a greater rate of speed than is allowed by ordinance on Commonwealth Ave., south side, between Beacon and St. Mary's Sts., during the present winter season.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the driving of horses at a rate of speed greater than that allowed by ordinance be permitted on Chelsea St., East Boston, during the present winter season.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the rules and orders of the last City Council, except rule 20, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present City Council, until otherwise ordered, and that five members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to draw a set of rules for the government of the present City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of five members of this Board, with such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to consider what disposition should be made of the several topics of the Mayor's inaugural address.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the municipal register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the joint committee on rules and orders, and that said committee also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees, the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

Passed in concurrence.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the rules and orders of the Common Council of 1903, with the exception of rule 44, be adopted as the rules and orders of the present Common Council, until otherwise provided; and that a committee of five members be appointed to report what changes in the rules may be necessary or expedient.

Passed.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council whether there are any theatres in the City of Boston conducted in such a manner that they do not comply fully with the building laws relative to the safety of the public attending such theatres.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I have here a substitute order, which I trust will go upon its passage today.

Mr. FERBER offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Conway's order:—

Ordered, That a joint special committee to consist of five members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be appointed to act as a commission to begin an immediate inquiry into the character, efficiency and adequacy of all fire precautions in use in all theatres, dance halls, lecture halls and any other buildings used for the assembling of large numbers of persons at one time, and also into the adequacy of the present laws relating to them and to report to the City Council as speedily as possible, together with any recommendation they may deem wise. Said committee is authorized to invite in conjunction with them a builder to be suggested by the Master Builders' Association, an architect to be suggested by the Boston Society of Architects, an electrical engineer and chemist to be suggested by the President or Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a theatrical mechanic to be suggested by the Theatrical Mechanics' Association.

Ordered, also, That pending the investigation of said Commission and until some better means of inspection be established, that the Fire Commissioner be requested to detail two firemen to each theatre at least an hour before and during a performance, to look after, inspect and test all fire precautions in said theatres. The expense of said detail of firemen to be paid by licensees of said theatres, to the city.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President and members of the Council I regret very much at this time, amid the felicitations of inaugural ceremonies, to be compelled to call to your minds the terrible catastrophe of last Wednesday in Chicago. I do it only from a deep realization of its immediate necessity for the protection of our own citizens. The Chicago calamity brought in its immediate wake the assurances of our own theatrical managers that conditions here are perfectly secure and that such an accident could not happen here. These assurances have been re-enforced by our public officials, either affirmatively by positive statements or negatively by a failure to take any adverse action. I believe that it is upon the assurance of the public authorities that the public relies more for its security than it does upon that of the theatrical managers, because public authority is, or should be, unselfish, and should not fail to see that regulations are complied with, while there may be some personal gain to be derived by a theatrical

manager from a violation of some precaution. As the public, therefore, looks to us, and looks to us here, its elected representatives, with whom it deals directly even more than it does with the public authorities who have the matter in charge—because the public does not figure out distinctly spheres of authority, knowing merely that they send us here to represent them—I think, realizing this great trust that the public reposes in us, I am justified in speaking at this time.

It may be by some considered unwise to disturb at the present time the popular mind with hints of insecurity. If this were a question of homes, I might deem it unwise to disturb the minds of the public until better homes had been provided or the defects in the present ones remedied. But this relates to a luxury—a luxury, however profitable it may be; and I should miss its loss as much as any one, as I frequent the theatres very much. But when the safety of life of upwards of 30,000 people who attend the performances nightly are at stake, it would be better even to have the theatres dispensed with altogether, were that necessary, than to have that risk continue. I believe the action of the Mayor of Chicago in closing all the theatres but one in that city will cause no great suffering in Chicago—certainly not as much suffering as resulted from the fire in the one that was unfortunately left open last Wednesday. In any event, the public is entitled to know the facts, and then our responsibility will be lessened. If, therefore, any ground for insecurity exists, it is our sacred duty to speak of it, to ascertain what it is, and to act so that protection may be afforded.

With a view to learning for myself what the conditions were in the Boston playhouses and what dependency may be placed upon assurances, in the little time I have had since Friday last, I have visited several theatres and made a personal investigation. I had not the time to visit any more. I do not wish to discriminate against those of which I speak, for I have a notion from a recollection of past visits, which may be imperfect, that there are others which may be found to be, in some particulars, at least, in the same condition. But I speak of these only, because my knowledge is positive, by reason of recent visits.

I started in first by going to the Building Commissioner's office, expecting that I could there find out at one fell swoop the exact condition that prevails today in every theatre in Boston. I was surprised to learn that such information could not be given me there, as it did not exist in the department. There had been no regular inspection of theatres for at least over a year and a half, and the reports of that inspection were, at the time I talked with the Building Commissioner, unavailable; but, to do him justice, he told me I could see them this morning. I have not had the time today; but, in any event, I hardly thing reports showing the conditions over a year and a half ago would have done me much service today. I found that there was no regular system of inspection of theatres, that a theatre was only inspected when a complaint was made or at the will of some inspector who might take it into his head to go in and look. The Building Commissioner also informed me that it would be possible for managers to make changes in their theatres—not serious changes, but changes in the placement of seats, and so on—which would even create a violation of a rule or law, and that he would probably have no means of finding it out, or it might not be reported to him. He said he was going to see if he could not get a law which would compel theatre managers to report any alterations they might make.

I don't necessarily blame the Building

Commissioner, past or present. I don't know at the present time exactly how efficient his department can be under present circumstances. I don't know how many men it employs, or how multifarious his duties. I don't know but what he is doing the best he can. His term of office has been brief, and I trust that the results of his administration will be good. I speak not for the purpose of fixing blame. I speak merely to get protection for the future; and I believe the Building Commissioner—although he has assured me that he is to start an investigation immediately, today or tomorrow—can be much aided, nevertheless, by the appointment of this committee. Philadelphia has appointed a commission, St. Louis has started an investigation, New York has started an investigation, and other large cities are, I believe, about to start investigations. Since I spoke with the Commissioner I saw in yesterday's paper that he has made a preliminary inspection. If the results of it are correctly reported in the press I shall have to disagree with some of the findings therein stated in some particulars, which I will refer to later. My examination, of course, was of the part of the house in which auditors are permitted, as I had no facilities, of course, for getting upon the stage, and it was only such an examination as any member of the public might go and make.

It may be well here to read the law applying to theatres—which I wish to say, by the way, is very hard to get. I could not get a copy in the Building Department, and this copy I have here was loaned me by the Clerk of Committees.

The law provides, in section 9, that "all exits from every building of the classes referred to by section 90 shall be opened for the use of every departing audience, and shall have fastenings on the inside only."

I noticed, also, in the press that the Fire Department regulations require that the exits shall be open all the time.

"Plans showing the exits and stairways shall be printed on every programme or play-bill. No temporary seats or other obstructions shall be allowed in any aisle, passageway or stairway of a building of the class referred to by section 90, and no person shall be allowed to remain in any aisle, passageway, or stairway of any such building during a play performance."

There is a further provision for a fire-proof curtain and a provision that such curtain shall be raised at the beginning and lowered at the end of each and every performance and shall be of proper material, construction and mechanism. There are also some other provisions in regard to sprinkling apparatus, and so forth, which shall be satisfactory to the building commissioner; also provisions—I am not sure that they apply to all theatres—having the aisle space of theatres shall be according to a ratio of twenty inches for every hundred people seated in a compartment.

Now, gentlemen, let us see if, as we are assured by managers and others, there are no violations of law. Let us see if such a calamity could not happen here. I wish to call your attention first to the programmes, which the law provides—

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that this meeting of the members today is simply to take the oath of office, and I believe it is discourteous to the members to occupy their time in this way. I hope the matter will be referred to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the point of order is not well taken.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, if I am a little lengthy in this statement I trust the Council will pardon me. I don't want to impose on your time, but, gentlemen, you must all be aware that this is a matter of importance, and I trust you will hear me. I have here the programme of the Boston Theatre of December 14, 1903. I defy any-

one to find in it a plan showing the exits and stairways of the theatre. In connection with this I wish to read from yesterday's Herald—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the time of the gentleman has expired, under the rules.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move assignment of the matter to the next meeting.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I do not thoroughly realize what the gentleman means by "the matter." There are two orders before the Council, as I understand it, at the present time—one of the gentleman from Wd. 10; and the other, mine. It seems to me that this is a matter that will not brook of any delay, and I sincerely hope that the Council will take into consideration the seriousness of the thing and will not assign it at the present time. I believe that delay is dangerous and that we should have some active work done upon the inspection of theatres in the city Boston, to find out whether or not they are in such a condition that the public can safely remain in them during a performance. I certainly hope the matter will not be assigned.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I hope assignment will prevail, for the simple reason that I had occasion last week to speak to Mr. Montague, the Building Commissioner, and also to Mr. Fitzsimmons, the inspector of construction, and they informed me at the time that they are today, and have been for the past week, investigating theatres. I do not believe assignment is going to delay the matter any, and I do believe the business of the Council will be facilitated by it.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I trust assignment will not prevail. If I had the time I could show you regulation upon regulation violated, and every time that there is a performance in Boston from now on the lives of thousands of people may depend upon that fact. You can certainly do no great harm by appointing this commission, and it ought to be done now. It is being done in many other large cities in the United States. Our precautions here are in many respects not any greater than they are in Chicago, and yet there the theatres have been closed, and I don't think Chicago cries out against it. I trust, therefore, that assignment will not prevail, but that the matter will put upon its passage today.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President and fellow members, while I heartily agree with Mr. Ferber of Wd. 10 in the motion he has presented here today, and also in the position taken by the gentleman from Wd. 23, still I think the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 10, as presented, is one that is liable to incur considerable expense to the city, and I think before we vote here to incur additional expense we should be allowed to look into the matter. It is quite a lengthy order and one that will require considerable thinking over before we are able to make up our minds as to which way to vote upon it. We all know the theatres should be provided, as the law declares they shall be, and there is no doubt in my mind that the Building Inspector is moving around in the matter at present. I think, owing to the fact that we have a meeting Thursday night, it will do no harm to assign this matter to that time, when every member can vote intelligently either for or against it.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 moved the previous questions.

The PRESIDENT—The member should understand that the previous question cuts off the motion to assign.

The main question was not ordered.

Both orders were assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday next at 7:45 o'clock P.M., and that the same be the day and hour for meeting thereafter until otherwise provided.

Passed.

President DOLAN offered the following:—

1. Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for a public convenience station in City Sq., Charlestown.

2. Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the purchase and construction of a suitable playground in Wd. 5.

3. Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of two hundred thousand dollars for a municipal building to include court facilities, and a public hall, in the Charlestown district.

Severally referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

President DOLAN also offered the following:—

Whereas, An appropriation has already been made for a branch of the Public Library in the Charlestown district; therefore be it

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, the Trustees of the Public Library should take immediate action to supply the residents of Charlestown with a suitable branch of the library, without further delay.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for an all-year-round bath-house in Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Finance Committee, when appointed, include in its first loan order, the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the completion of the all-the-year-around bath-house, Ninth St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That a Committee of Three be appointed, to secure a suitable badge for each member of the Common Council of 1914, at a total cost not to exceed the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars; the same to be charged to the Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered the following:—

1. Ordered, That a special committee of seven members of the Common Council and such number as the Board of Aldermen may desire, be appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic by the City of Boston, during their encampment in this city.

Passed. Sent up.

2. Ordered, That the Finance Committee, when appointed, be requested to include in its first loan bill the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purchase and laying out of the Worthington Land for a park, at the summit of Savin Hill Wd. 20.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

3. Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the Appropriation bill the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be expended by the City of Boston for entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic during their encampment in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

4. Ordered, That the Finance Committee, when appointed, be requested to include in its first loan bill, the sum of sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) for erecting a bridge over Geneva Ave. in Wd. 21, at the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. crossing.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18, at 12:32 P.M., to meet on Thursday, January 7, at 7:45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.**Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.**

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1904.

Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock M., Ald. Quigley presiding in the absence of Chairman Doyle, and a quorum present.

The meeting was held for the purpose of drawing jurors.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with

the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:-

Five grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, January 7th, viz.:-

Patrick J. Sullivan, Wd. 13; Millard F. Eldridge, Wd. 10; Thos. L. Quigley, Wd. 23; John H. Morrow, Wd. 14; Charles A. Buckley, Wd. 14.

Twelve traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, January 7th, viz.:-

Otto A. Wehale, Wd. 1; James Friel, Wd. 16; Edwin McNeil, Wd. 22; Albert Cheney, Wd. 23; Thomas Troy, Wd. 20; Daniel B. Moran, Wd. 5; Robert J. Armstrong, Wd. 7; Wm. H. Green, Wd. 15; Wm. C. Davis, Wd. 1; Wm. H. Mahan, Wd. 18; Henry S. Chapman, Wd. 22; Luke P. Willard, Wd. 16.

Adjourned at 12.23 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council

Thursday, January 7, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M.. President Dolan in the Chair.

POLICE OFFICERS IN COURT HOUSE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., January 7, 1904.

To the Common Council,
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in answer to your order requesting them to station two police officers in the corridor of the Suffolk County Court House.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston.

Office of the Board of Police,
29 Pemberton Sq., December 31, 1903.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston, City Hall, Boston.

My dear Sir:—We have received from Your Honor an order passed by the Common Council requesting that two police officers be stationed in the corridors of the Suffolk County Court House near the entrance to the Criminal Sessions of the Municipal Court for the purpose of removing loiterers or other persons occupying said corridors without cause or right.

We have investigated the case and find that the custody of the Court House belongs primarily to the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court, who care for the building through the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk. The Sheriff alone is authorized to appoint such officers as are needed for all purposes in the Court House building, and the Board of Police have no control or right therein. We are informed by the Sheriff that he already has a sufficient number of officers in attendance for all purposes, and that the public have a right to attend the sittings of the Courts so long as they are orderly and do not interfere with the proceedings.

Yours very truly,

W. H. H. Emmons, Chairman.
Placed on file.

SKATING, COTTAGE-ST. PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order asking them to flood the Cottage-St. playground.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston, Dept. of Parks,
Boston, Jan. 7, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor,
City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:

We have received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to flood the Cottage-St. playground, wd. 2, for skating purposes. We should be pleased to do this, but unfortunately we have no funds that we can apply to this purpose.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN T. PRIEST.

The following was received:

Office of the City Clerk,
City Hall, Jan. 4, 1904.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:

I respectfully inform you that John T. Priest has been duly appointed and sworn as Assistant City Clerk of the City of Boston, for the current municipal year.

Attest:

Edward J. Donovan,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

QUALIFICATION OF COUN. BELL.

Office of the City Clerk.

City Hall, Jan. 6, 1904.

To the Honorable Common Council,

Gentlemen:—I respectfully inform you that Tilton S. Bell appeared before me this day, and was duly sworn by me as a member of the Common Council from Wd. 20 for the current municipal year.

Attest:

John T. Priest,
Asst. City Clerk and Justice of the Peace.
Placed on file.

LOAN FOR STREET EXPENSES.

President DOLAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners expend for making plans of territory or sections of lands, under the provisions of Chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, the sum of \$45,000 and that the proceeds of loans issued for the purpose specified in said chapter be applied to the payment thereof.

On motion of Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 the rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the Council, that this is an order which is usually passed at the first meeting of the year, and that, whereas in 1900-01, \$66,000 was expended, it was cut during the past year to \$50,000, and this year to \$45,000, which it is alleged by the Street Commission is the smallest amount ever appropriated for the purposes of that special work.

The order was passed, yeas 64, nays 0:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, B. I., Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Pierce, Price, Rackowsky, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—64.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Carter, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Gethro, Higgins, McGonagle, Newton, Patterson, Reagan, Richardson—11.

Sent up.

QUALIFICATION OF COUN. CARTER.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair at this time will request Mr. Carter of Wd. 2 to step forward and receive the oath of office.

(Councilman Carter stepped forward in front of the Clerk's desk, and the oath of office was administered to him by President Dolan.)

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19 offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purchase of a suitable playground site in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the purchase of a site and erecting thereon a municipal building, in Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purchase of a site and erecting thereon a firehouse, on or within the vicinity of Parker Hill, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Supt. of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested, to place a gas lamp at the corner of Cherokee and Hillside Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to permit coasting on Philips St., from Tremont to Ward Sts., Wd. 19.

Passed. Sent up.

INSPECTION OF PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19 offered the following:

Ordered, That section three (3) of chapter three (3) of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, relating to Public Amusements, be amended as follows: By omitting the word "Aldermen" which is partly in the third and in the fourth lines, and substituting therefor the words "Member of the City Government," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

"Shall cause facilities for entering and inspecting his place of amusement, and viewing the exhibitions or performances therein, to be furnished at all times to any member of the City Government applying therefor."

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Spillane.

PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this body the cost of establishing and equipping a playground in the Jamaica Plain district of Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTION OF MANAGERS—OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Council now proceed to the election of Managers of the Old South Association in Boston, and that the Clerk be instructed to deposit one ballot for such managers, viz.:—

From the Board of Aldermen—James H. Doyle.

From the Common Council—Arthur W. Dolan.

The order was passed.

The Clerk attended to the duty assigned him, and James H. Doyle, from the Board of Aldermen, and Arthur W. Dolan, from the Common Council, were declared elected, on the part of the Common Council, as Managers of the Old South Association.

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that Till S. Bell of Wd. 20 has been duly qualified as a member of the Common Council from said ward.

Passed.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2 offered an order—That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that Joseph T. Carter of Wd. 2 has been duly qualified as a member of the Common Council from said ward.

Passed.

EXPENSE OF PRINTING, ETC.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered the following:—

Ordered, That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council, for printing, stationery and binding, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of City Documents ordered by either branch of the City Council, in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed. Sent up.

ALLOTMENT OF SEATS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order.—That the seats of the members be allotted in the usual manner, and that a choice of seats be given to Messrs. Wood, Barrett and Patterson, in the order named.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, in connection with this order, that it is the custom to allow the senior member of each party on the floor the privilege of choosing a seat, and that Mr. Patterson's name has also been included, for the reason that the gentleman has some difficulty in hearing. He asked for that privilege, and it has generally been granted to any body who found difficulty in hearing the proceedings.

The order was passed.

Mr. Wood of Wd. 20 chose seat No. 12; Mr. Barrett of Wd. 18 chose seat No. 22, and Mr. Patterson of Wd. 24 chose seat No. 11.

The remaining seats were then allotted in the usual manner, the result being as follows:

No. of Seat—Abbott, 39; Barry, 65; Bell, 34; Bradley, 58; Brazzell, 73; Cagogan, 17; Callahan, 31; Carter, 33; Colbert, 30; Collins, H. J., 72; Collins, J. F., 2; Colman, 54; Conboy, 20; Conway (3), 6; Conway (23), 5; Cook, 24; Coughlin, 14; Craig, 1; Crowley, J. F., 28; Crowley, W. A. H., 3; Dalton, 10; Driscoll, 1; Drummond, 3; Eagan, 38; Ewell, 9; Fay, 26; Ferber, 25; Fitzgerald, J. E., 41; Fitzgerald, T. F., 49; Foley, 46; Gethro, 18; Gleason, 69; Good, 47; Grady, 64; Graumann, 40; Hanley, 61; Harrington, 56; Higgins, 74; Hourin, 21; Johnson, 2; Kelley, 36; Lacey, 7; Leavitt, 63; Macenzie, 45; MacLoud, 37; Mancovitz, 70; Maynard, 61; McDermott, 59; McDonald, J. M., 17; McDonald, P. A., 22; McGonagle, 50; McKie, 60; McKlincy, 44; McKirby, 43; McKnight, 8; McMahon, 55; Movshan, 3; Murray, 35; Newton, 4; Pierce, 67; Pike, 3; Rachkowsky, 68; Reagan, 48; Richards, 23; Simms, 3; Spillane, 57; Suller, 19; Sullivan, D. L., 9; Sullivan, T. J., J., 66; Warner, 16; Williams, 71.

PARKWAY, WD. 23.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the construction of that portion of the Parkway between Anawan Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

LIGHTING, COLUMBUS AVE. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to properly light the Columbus Ave. Play-

ground while the skating season is in progress.

Referred to the Mayor.

SOMERVILLE FIRE ALARM WHISTLE.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this body at its next meeting, under what authority the City of Somerville has transferred its fire alarm whistle into the City of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF R. J. DONAHOE.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of Ralph J. Donahoe, late a patrolman in the Police Department of said City, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled if he had lived and continued as such patrolman until the end of the fiscal year 1903-4.

Passed. Sent up.

WD. 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide wooden pavement on E St., between Seventh and Eighth Sts., Wds. 13 and 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of extending E St., Wd. 15, to Dorchester Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for a Municipal Building in South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a transfer station at the corner of Eighth and Dorchester Sts., South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to fill the Strandway with clean ashes.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of five thousand dollars for the renovation of Thomas Park, South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

IMPROVEMENTS OF DEWEY BEACH.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of five thousand dollars for the improvement of Dewey Beach, Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WD. 17.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance include in the first loan order the sum of \$100,000 to the end that a municipal building may be erected in Wd. 17, to include baths, gymnasium, library and meeting hall.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 17.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance include in the first loan order the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of land for playground purposes in Wd. 17.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

WD. 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in its first loan order the sum of \$5500 for the erection of a shelter and other conveniences on the Cottage St. playground, Wd. 2, East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide an item in its first loan order, for \$90,000 to build a gymnasium and all-year bath in East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The President announced the following committees:—

Joint Rules and Orders—Messrs. Dolan of Wd. 5, Colbert of 2, Eagan of 3, Sullivan of 9, Barry of 25, Wood of 20, Warner of 21, Higgins of 24.

Notice sent up.

Rules of the Common Council—Messrs. Dolan of Wd. 5, McDonald of 4, Moynihan of 13, Lacey of 10, Price of 23.

USE OF ANTE-ROOM.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the use of the ante-room on the east side of the Common Council Chamber be allowed to the City Collector in the forenoon of January 29, 1904, for the sale of real estate on account of unpaid taxes.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, W. CANTON ST.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Supt. of Lamps be ordered, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric arc lamp at the head of West Canton St., in Wd. 10.

Referred to the Mayor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7 moved that the Council do now adjourn.

Lost.

BADGES FOR COUNCILMEN.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 called up No. 2 assignment, viz:

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable badge for each member of the Common Council of 1904 at a total cost not to exceed the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars; the same to be charged to the Common Council, contingent expenses.

The order was read a second time and was declared passed.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7 doubted the vote, and called for the yeas and nays.

The question was put on ordering the yeas and nays, and they were declared not ordered, only eight members (less than one-fifth) having voted to order the roll call.

A rising vote was taken in order to solve the doubt as to the vote on the passage of the order, and it was passed, 47 members voting in the affirmative, 14 in the negative.

Mr. MANCOVITZ moved to reconsider; lost.

LIGHTS ON BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have electric lights placed on North Brighton playground for skating purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that we do now adjourn.

The President put the question and, being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote.

The Council voted to adjourn, 27 members voting in the affirmative, 17 in the negative.

Adjourned at 8:55 o'clock, P.M., to meet on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Jan. 11, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BOWEN, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the following committees, when appointed, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Joseph H. Brown, three barber poles, at 192 Sumner St., Wd. 2.
Oak Hall Clothing Co., a sign, at 105 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Benjamin P. Scopo, an illuminated sign, at 34 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

J. B. Fewes, an unlettered gas arc lamp, at 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Weber & Fields, an illuminated lamp, at 1219 Washington St., Wd. 9.

C. A. Eaton, an unlettered gas arc lamp, at 80 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

J. Sussman, a sign, at 9A Cunard St., Wd. 13.

Charles M. Cunningham, an illuminated sign, at 30A Warren St., Wd. 21.

St. Stephen's Church, a sign, over Florence St., Wd. 23, in front of said church.

County Accounts.

Proprietors of the Social Law Library, for the customary annual appropriation of \$1,000.

Claims.

Francis M. Kelley, for compensation for damage to wagon caused by alleged defective condition of Parker Hill Ave., on Oct. 20, 1903.

Margaret A. Stevens, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in foot-bridge on Broadway over Fort Point Channel.

Mary Sheehy, for compensation for injuries to her husband, Michael Sheehy, which caused his death. Said injuries were caused by the alleged defective condition of Dorchester Ave.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect poles in Richfield and Barry Sts., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect thirty-six poles in Bellevue St., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co., for the use of Faneuil Hall, on June 4, 5 and 6, 1904.

Central Labor Union, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on February 7, 1904, from 2 to 7 P.M.

Licenses.

Ringling Bros. Circus, for license to exhibit a circus and menagerie on circus ground on Huntington Ave., near Ruggles St., for sixty days beginning May 1, 1904.

Public Improvements.

Estate of James L. Little, for leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk at 74 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITIONS.

Ald. BROMBERG presented the petition of the Jamaica Plain Social and Athletic Club for leave to project a transparency at 180 Green St., Jamaica Plain.

Leave granted on the usual conditions, under suspension of the rule.

Chairman DOYLE presented the following petitions:—

New England Kennel Club, for a license for a dog show at Mechanics' Building on February 22-25, 1904.

George M. Magee, Mgr., for a permit for Mary Burroughs, under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week commencing January 11, 1904.

Leave granted on the above petitions, under suspension of the rule, on motion of Ald. DOYLE.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Notices of the qualification of Messrs. Colbert of Wd. 2, Carter of Wd. 2, Pierce of Wd. 11, and Bell of Wd. 20, as members of the Common Council for the current municipal year.

Placed on file.

2. Notice of the appointment and qualification of John T. Priest as Assistant City Clerk for the current municipal year.

Placed on file.

3. Notice of the election of managers of the Old South Association in Boston, viz: From the Board of Aldermen, James H. Doyle; from the Common Council, Arthur W. Dolan.

On motion of Ald. SLATTERY, the Board voted that the City Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for James H. Doyle and Arthur W. Dolan as Managers, and the said gentlemen were elected in concurrence.

4. Notice of the appointment of the following-named persons on the joint special committee on Rules and Orders:—

Messrs. Dolan, Colbert, Egan, Sullivan of Wd. 9, Barry, Wood, Warner and Higgins.

Placed on file.

5. The following was passed by the Common Council and sent up:—

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to permit coasting on Phillips St., from Tremont to Ward S.s., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

6. Ordered, That the office expenses of the Clerk of the Common Council for printing, stationery and binding be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the expense incurred in the printing of City Documents ordered by either branch of the City Council, in accordance with the joint rules, be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to the widow of Ralph J. Donahoe, late a patrolman in the Police Department of said city, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled if he had lived and continued as such patrolman until the end of the fiscal year 1903-04.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Whereas, An appropriation has already been made for a branch of the Public Library in the Charlesow District, therefore be it

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the City Council, the Trustees of the Public Library should take immediate action to supply the residents of Charlestown with a suitable branch of the Library without further delay.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That a special committee of seven members of the Common Council, and such number as the Board of Aldermen may desire, be appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic by the City of Boston during their encampment in this city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners expend, for making plans

of territory or sections of lands, under the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty-three of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and Acts in amendment or addition thereto, the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, and that the proceeds of loans issued for the purpose specified in said chapter be applied to the payment thereof.

Passed in concurrence.

SIDEWALK AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

Sidewalk and edgestone assessments on Charles and Elmo Sts., Wd. 20, Bickford St., Wd. 22, Kensington St., Wd. 21, and Dacia St., Wd. 16, were received from the Superintendent of Streets, and an order was passed—That the persons named in the schedules be and are hereby charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estate on said streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Passed.

ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions, viz.:—
C. O. L. Dillaway and others, to project a marquee at the Globe Theatre on Washington St., Wd. 7.

John T. Casey, to project a permanent awning at 34 Faneuil Sq., Wd. 6.

Barney Ferguson, to project a bay window from building 261 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Annie Horgan, to project a bay window and a cornice from building 25 Washington St., to project over Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday January 25, at 3 P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SALARIES OF POLICE INSPECTORS AND LIEUTENANTS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Police Department,
January 9, 1904.

To the Honorable City Council, City of Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of an order, passed by both branches of your honorable body, fixing the salaries of inspectors and lieutenants in the Police Department of the City of Boston at the rate of \$2000 per annum from and after Feb. 1, 1904, with the further informations that this order was vetoed by His Honor the Mayor, and afterward passed by both branches of your honorable body, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor.

All that is now required to make this order effective is the approval of the Board of Police.

This board fully recognizes the faithful and efficient services which are being performed by the inspectors and lieutenants of the police and also recognizes the discrepancy between their compensation and the salaries of the captains of the several divisions.

The Board of Police also recognizes the gravity of the situation when they are called upon to choose between the decision of your honorable body and the decision of His Honor the Mayor, in regard to this matter.

Although the present Board of Police is appointed by the Governor, we recognize that our duty to the City of Boston is precisely the same as if appointed by the Mayor, namely, to give this city the very best and most efficient police service possible to establish.

We also feel that we are necessarily a co-ordinate branch of the City Government, and are responsible to the citizens of

Boston and to your honorable body, and to His Honor the Mayor, for an economical administration of the very large appropriation which is necessarily made every year for the support of this department.

After carefully weighing all of the arguments on both sides of this question, and especially the arguments given in the veto message of His Honor the Mayor, we are of the opinion that this increase of salaries ought not to be made, and therefore return the order passed by your honorable body without our approval.

Yours very truly,

Will'am H. H. Emmons, Chairman.
Sent down.

RULES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Chairman DOYLE presented the following:—

The special committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the Board of Aldermen for the current year report herewith the accompanying draft, which they recommend for adoption, being substantially the same rules as were in force for the year 1903, with the exception of Rule 29, which is amended to conform to the statute passed by the Legislature in 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Doyle, Chairman.

Rules of the Board of Aldermen. Chairman.

Rule 1. The Chairman of the Board shall take the chair at the hour to which the Board shall have adjourned, and shall call the members to order, and, a quorum being present, shall cause the minutes of the preceding regular meeting to be read. In the absence of the Chairman, the senior member present shall preside as Chairman pro tempore.

Rule 2. The Chairman shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board; and no other business shall be in order until the question on appeal shall have been decided.

Rule 3. The Chairman shall proound all motions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature, except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

Rule 4. The Chairman shall, at the request of any member, make a division of a question when the sense will admit.

Rule 5. The Chairman shall, without debate, decide all questions relating to priority of business to be acted upon.

Rule 6. The Chairman shall declare all votes; but if any member doubts a vote, the Chairman shall cause a rising vote to be taken, and, when any member so requests, shall cause the vote to be taken or verified by yeas and nays.

Rule 7. The chairman shall appoint all committees, fill all vacancies therein, and designate the rank of the members thereof.

Rule 8. When the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman pro tempore shall decide to vacate the chair he may call any member to it; but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment.

Motions.

Rule 9. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Chairman shall so direct.

Rule 10. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude amendment, on a motion to strike out and insert.

Rule 11. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 12. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an exist-

ing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:—

1. To a standing committee of the Board.
2. To a special committee of the Board.
3. To a joint standing committee.
4. To a joint special committee.

Rule 13. After a motion has been put by the Chairman, it shall not be withdrawn except by unanimous consent.

Rule 14. When a question is under debate the following motions only shall be entertained, and in the order in which they stand arranged:—

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on table.
3. To postpone to a day certain.
4. To commit.
5. To amend.
6. To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 15. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except on an immediate repetition, or pending a verification of a vote; and that motion, the motion to lay on table, and the motion to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

Readings.

Rule 16. Every ordinance, order and resolution reported by a committee shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, both of which may take place at the same session, unless objection is made. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first reading, the document may be read by its title only. Orders from the Board of Street Commissioners changing the names of streets, and orders granting location for poles or posts, shall, however, have one reading only at the same session.

Confirmations.

Rule 17. The question of confirming a nomination made by the mayor shall be decided by a yeas and nays ballot.

Reconsideration.

Rule 18. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting; or he may give notice to the clerk, within twenty-four hours of the adjournment, of his intention to move a reconsideration at the next regular meeting; in which case the clerk shall retain possession of the papers until the next regular meeting; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided that vote shall not be reconsidered.

Conduct of Members.

Rule 19. Every member when about to speak shall rise, address the chair, and wait until he is recognized, and in speaking shall confine himself to the question and avoid personalities.

Rule 20. No member speaking shall, without his consent, be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Rule 21. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question, or serve on any committee, where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

Rule 22. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, where he is not excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the board for special reasons shall excuse him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the board is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons, and shall be decided without debate.

Standing Committees.

Rule 23. The following standing committees of the board, to consist of five members each, except where otherwise herein provided, and the members of the joint standing committees on the part of this board, named in the joint rules and orders of the City Council, and all other committees, unless otherwise provided for, or

specially directed by the board, shall be appointed by the chair:

Committee on Armories and Military Affairs — County Accounts — Electric Wires — Faneuil Hall and County Buildings — Lamps — Licenses — Markets — Railroads — Public Improvements, to consist of all the members of the board, and to be divided by the chairman of the committee into the following sub-committees, namely, Paving division, Sewer division, Bridge division, Sanitary division, Street-cleaning division, Street-watering division, and Ferry division.

Order of Business.

Rule 24. At every regular meeting of the Board the order of business shall be as follows:—

1. Communications from His Honor the Mayor.
2. Presentation of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.
3. Hearings.
4. Papers from the Common Council.
5. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
6. Orders of notice of hearings.
7. Reports of city officers.
8. Reports of committees.
9. Motions, orders and resolutions.

Reports of Committees.

Rule 25. Committees of the Board, to whom any matter is especially referred, shall report within four weeks or ask for further time.

Spectators.

Rule 26. No person, except a member of the Board, shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the Board is in session.

Rule 27. No person, excepting members of the City Council, heads of departments and reporters, shall be allowed in the ante-room of the Aldermanic Chamber while the Board is in session. No person shall be allowed to enter the Aldermanic Chamber while the Board is in session, after the seats furnished for spectators are occupied. The City Messenger shall enforce this rule.

Licenses.

Rule 28. No licenses shall be granted for exhibitions of wrestling.

Rule 29. No permission for the construction of underground conduits shall be granted until a public hearing shall have been given by the Board of Aldermen on the application for such permission. No permission shall be granted for the erection of poles, piers, abutments or other fixtures for the support of electric wires unless the applicant for such permit shall bear the expense of the notification required by the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1903.

Rule 30. Every license or permit hereafter granted for the location of a street railway track, the erection of a pole or post, the construction of an underground conduit, the laying of a pipe or wire or for the doing of any other work which may involve the disturbance of a surface of a street, shall specify the time within which the contemplated work shall be done, and shall not confer authority to do any such work after the expiration of such specified time.

Lamps.

Rule 31. Any person desiring a lamp to be erected in any way shall make application therefor to the Superintendent of Lamps, who shall examine the place where it is proposed to locate the lamp and report thereon to the Board; provided, however, that if the lamp is to be an electric lamp the superintendent shall obtain the opinion of the Commissioner of Wires on the location and forward to the Board the opinion with his report.

Suspension of Rules.

Rule 32. Any rule may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present and voting.

The report was accepted, and the rules were adopted.

LICENSES.

The Board voted to grant minors' licenses to 187 newsboys, 31 bootblacks and two vendors.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of January.

Report accepted; order passed.

POCKET MANUAL.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare for the use of the members of the Board of Aldermen a pocket manual containing the Rules and the Revised Regulations of the Board of Aldermen; the expense of the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

BATH HOUSE, NINTH ST.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the completion of the bath-house, Ninth St., Wd. 15.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

CLOSING OF WYOMING ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Wyoming St., between Wabeno and Warren Sts., Wd. 21, to public travel, for ten days, or during the time necessary for completing sewer improvements now in progress.

Passed.

BOSTON MATERIAL FOR BUILDERS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the head of all departments who have charge of construction or repairs of schoolhouses or other public buildings of the City of Boston, to use materials that is manufactured in Boston, by Boston firms, for the buildings which are now under construction or which will be constructed in the future, instead of material manufactured outside of the state. Also that citizens of Boston be employed for the construction of same.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SIDEWALK, EAST SIXTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of East Sixth St., between P and Q Sts., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of the whole Board as a Committee on Public Improvements, with Ald. Quigley as Chairman.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3.41 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.05 o'clock P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Board of Aldermen to permit coasting on Phillips St., from Tremont to Ward St., Wd. 19—recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on message of the Mayor (referred January 4), recommending passage of loan order for one million dollars for sewerage works—recommending the passage of the order accompanying the message and that the message be sent down.

The order accompanying the message was as follows:—

Ordered, That the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and Acts in amendment of or in addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 13.

The message and order were sent down.

LABOR DAY PARADE.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following streets during the hours named, on Monday, September 5th, 1904, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Boston Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council, viz:—

Between 8.30 A.M. and noon, for the formation:—

Boylston St., west of Copley Sq.; Dartmouth, Exeter, Fairfield, Gloucester and Hereford Sts., between Boylston St. and Commonwealth Ave.; Newbury St., between Dartmouth St. and Massachusetts Ave.; and Massachusetts Ave., between Boylston and Beacon Sts.

For the parade.

Between 9.30 A.M. and 1 P.M., or until the parade has passed through the following streets:—

Copley Sq., Boylston, Berkeley, Tremont, Dedham Sts., Shawmut Ave., Dover, Washington, Eliot Sts., Park Sq., Charles, Beacon, School, Washington and Milk Sts., and Post Office Sq., where the parade will be dismissed.

The City Messenger, under the direction of the Board of Police, is hereby authorized to rope off said streets at the necessary points; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, at 5.08 P.M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to meet on Monday, January 18, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council

Thursday, January 14, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

DAMAGES BY ELEVATED.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., January 14, 1904.

To the City Council.

There are pending in court several petitions by the City for damages to certain pieces of its property on account of the building of the elevated railroad at the South End, and overtures for settlement have been made from time to time. The Ordinances do not allow the Law Department to make a settlement beyond \$4000 in any case, and the damages to the property of the City in each case pending will probably largely exceed that sum. I therefore request that the appended order be passed by you as soon as convenient. It follows the form hitherto adopted in empowering the Law Department to settle the claims of the City against the Commonwealth for the taking of our water supply, as well as the form followed in numerous other cases.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be and hereby is authorized to settle, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Claims, any suits or claims for damages to the real estate of the City of Boston growing out of the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the Boston Elevated Railway.

The communication was sent up.

The order was passed. Sent up.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The following was received:—

City of Chicago,

Mayor's Office,

January 7, 1904.

Joseph O'Kane, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—On behalf of the City Council of Chicago, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions of sympathy from the Common Council of the City of Boston for our people who suffered in the recent fire horror here, and to thank the members of the Common Council of Boston for the resolutions.

Very respectfully,

Carter H. Harrison, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Communication from the Board of Police vetoing the order of the last City Council increasing the salaries of inspectors and lieutenants in the Police Department.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets and a vote of the Board of Street Commissioners requesting an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the construction of sewerage works. In said message the Mayor asks that the following order be passed as early as possible, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1887, and Acts in amendment of or in addition thereto; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time,

on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

The message was ordered placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

Lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I trust that the order will not pass tonight, as it calls for a rather large appropriation, one million dollars, and I do not believe any member of the Council now has a very adequate idea of the purposes for which the one million dollars is to be expended. The legislature authorized the City of Boston in 1897 to borrow one million dollars annually for the purpose of constructing sewers. At that time it was the intention of the general court to establish a fund which would practically replenish itself by means of sewer assessments, and in about two years or so turn itself over, and not necessitate the borrowing of more money. The idea of sewer construction is that the owners pay for the construction. But if any of the members of the Council will examine the receipts from sewer assessments, they will find that they are far below the amount of loans issued. Five million dollars has now been authorized to be borrowed and has been expended under this act of the legislature, and we don't know how much longer we will continue to spend one million dollars annually without getting the cost assessed upon abutters, as it should be. Mr. Chairman, I don't know that it is not proper for us to spend this one million dollars this year; but it is an important order, and you gentlemen do not want to forget that you pass appropriation bills upon your own responsibility, not upon that of the Mayor; and it should not be a cardinal principle of action of the City Government that, because we have the right to borrow one million dollars, we ought to do it. The gentlemen of the majority party, who are clamoring for home rule, it seems to me might aid the cause of home rule in the City of Boston, with which cause I to a large extent sympathize, by showing that when they do get the right to do something in the way of expenditure of money, they do not feel that they must necessarily spend every cent that they are authorized to spend. Mr. President, at the time that this order was sent to the Board of Aldermen, on the first day of the session, the Mayor also transmitted an order for an expenditure of \$1,500,000 for the schools. To that order was appended a communication from the Schoolhouse Construction Department, signed by Mr. Sturgis, showing exactly where they wanted the money to go—no blind order such as this \$1,000,000 for sewers, but telling us just where it was desired to spend the money. That order the Mayor also wants passed. The Board of Aldermen referred that to the Committee on Finance, where it properly should go. No large expenditure should be made without our first inquiring into it. It makes no difference whether it is right or not right—we should at least realize our own responsibility, have it referred to a committee of our own, and pass upon it intelligently. The legislature would never pass an appropriation of any size without having a committee inquire into it, and we have nothing, absolutely nothing, to guide us in this matter, except that in the past this amount of money has been spent in this way. Now, it is only fair, Mr. President, that if we are to grant this appropriation—and let me say here that the Board of Aldermen referred it to the Committee on Public Improvements for consideration, and did

not pass it the very first day—we should know for what purposes it is to be spent.

It is about one-thirtieth of the total expenditure of the City of Boston, and how it is to be spent is certainly an important matter. I have tried to find out something about this matter in the short time I have had, and have been as yet unable to do so. If I am to judge from the past how this money has been spent—and we cannot get that very adequately—it seems to me that the figures, as we get them in the report of the Auditor at least, will cause us to stop a moment and inquire in regard to the last million dollar appropriation on which we have a report; not that of a year ago, because the report in regard to that is not yet out, but of the year before that. \$560,000 of it is lumped in the report as labor, and about \$164,000 as material. That seems a rather odd proportion at first glance, for constructing sewers; and if we are to judge by the cost of maintaining sewers, we will find upon a comparison with reports in other cities that whereas Chicago, for instance, has 1453 miles of sewers, as against 552 in Boston, the expenditure in Boston for the maintenance of sewers is a good deal larger than it is in Chicago. You will find by a comparison of the figures of various cities that the expenditure of Boston for maintenance per sq. ft. of sewer is three to five times as much as in some of the cities, and larger than that of any of the cities. I think, that are referred to in Mr. Chase's report to the Mayor. I do not want for one moment, gentlemen, at the present time, with the present knowledge I have of this matter,—and I have acted diligently, since I found that the matter would probably come up before the Council this evening—to say that this is not a perfectly proper order; but it seems to me that in the fall, when the "Goo-goo's" come around and say: "You voted for a certain appropriation of \$1,000,000 for sewers," if you say you did it because the Mayor recommended it, that will not let you out—and it should not let you out. Mr. President, I move that this be assigned to the next meeting, so that we may find out something about it.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Mr. Ferber doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, it does not seem to me necessary for us to say very much upon the passage of this order tonight. The Board of Aldermen passed it, the Mayor recommends it, and the act, I see, says that we shall pass it. It does not seem to me that it is the duty of this Council to hold up such an important order, when the Mayor requests that it shall be passed as speedily as possible. It seems also that no persons here will say that we don't want it and that the money is not going to be expended for a very appropriate purpose. The wording of the statute is this:—

"The City Council of the City of Boston shall annually appropriate, to be met by the issue of bonds as hereinafter provided, sums not exceeding one million dollars, for constructing sewerage works in said city, and shall also appropriate, to be met by the annual charges hereinafter provided for such sums as the Mayor of said city shall deem sufficient for maintaining and operating the sewerage works; and such sums as the City Treasurer of said city shall each year determine to be the amount to be used for the sinking fund for bonds issued for sewerage work," and so it goes on. It does not seem to me that we have any option in the matter, gentlemen, at all. It says that the City of Boston shall do so.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I would like to ask the Chair, for the information of the Council, if he can tell us for what purpose, summing it up in detail,

the money is to be used—or if the gentleman from Wd. 21 (Mr. McKnight) can do so?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 10 that the only purpose that the money can be used for is for the construction of sewers. As to what particular locality sewers may be constructed in, I have no personal information. Presumably they will be constructed in any part of the city where they are found necessary.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, if the gentleman from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber) will come out into the district where I live, he will find miles and miles of streets without any sewers, and a great many of them accepted streets, accepted for years. He will soon find out what this million dollars is wanted for.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I will state that I shall vote against the passage of this order. I wish to be placed on record as voting against it at the present time, because I don't think I ought to vote for it without having more information in regard to it, and for that reason only.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas, 66; nays, 1.

Yeas—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Elwell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. F., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—66.

Nays—Collins, H. J., Dalton, Ferber—3.
Absent or not voting—Abbott, Carter, Cook, Crowley, W. A. H., Harrington, MacLoud—6.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 3. assignment, viz:—

INSPECTION OF THEATRES, ETC.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 3, assigned, viz:—

3. Ordered, That section three (3) of chapter three (3) of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to Public Amusements, be amended as follows: By omitting the word "Aldermen," which is partly in the third and in the fourth lines, and substituting therefor the words, "Member of the City Government," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows:

"Shall cause facilities for entering and inspecting his place of amusement, and viewing the exhibitions or performances therein, to be furnished at all times to any member of the City Government applying therefor."

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19—Mr. President and fellow-members of the Council, I introduced this order with the very best of intentions, because I felt that the Common Council also ought to be given the authority that the Board of Aldermen at present has of inspecting theatres and places of amusement at any time—particularly so at this time, when we have the news of the Froquois Theatre disaster in Chicago so well in mind. But I have found out upon investigation, after seeing the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Bailey, that the matter lies with the legislature, and that we have no authority whatever in the matter. I therefore move the indefinite postponement of the order.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

JOINT RULES.

The PRESIDENT for the Joint Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

The joint special committee on the joint rules of the City Council, having considered the matter, respectfully report, in part, at this time, recommending the adoption of the accompanying draft, being the same rules as were in force for the year 1903. (Document 47.)

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Joint Standing Committees.

Rule 1. There shall be appointed at the commencement of the municipal year the following joint standing committees, the members of which shall be appointed by the respective branches in such manner as they may determine. Said committees shall respectively examine as often as they deem necessary the accounts of public moneys received and expended by the several departments. Each of said committees to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, namely:—

1. A committee on the Art Department.
2. A committee on the Assessing Department.
3. A committee on the Auditing Department.
4. A committee on the Bath Department.
5. A committee on the Building Department.
6. A committee on the Cemetery Department.
7. A committee on the City Clerk Department.
8. A committee on the City Messenger Department.
9. A committee on the Clerk of Committees Department.
10. A committee on the Collecting Department.
11. A committee on the Election Department.
12. A committee on the Engineering Department.
13. A committee on the Fire Department.
14. A committee on the Health Department.
15. A committee on the Hospital Department.
16. A committee on the Institutions Department.
17. A committee on the Lamp Department.
18. A committee on the Law Department.
19. A committee on the Library Department.
20. A committee on the Market Department.
21. A committee on the Music Department.
22. A committee on the Overseeing of the Poor Department.
23. A committee on the Park Department.
24. A committee on the Public Buildings Department.
25. A committee on the Public Grounds Department.
26. A committee on the Registry Department.
27. A committee on the Statistics Department.
28. A committee on the Street Department.
29. A committee on the Street Laying-Out Department.
30. A committee on the Treasury Department.
31. A committee on the Vessels and Ballast Department.
32. A committee on the Water Department.
33. A committee on the Weights and Measures Department.
34. A committee on the Wire Department.

There shall also be appointed annually, in like manner, the following joint stand-

ing committees to perform the duties assigned them:—

1. A committee on Appropriations, to consist of eight members of the Board of Aldermen, and eight members of the Common Council, to whom shall be referred the estimates of the departments prepared annually, and any suggestions thereon from His Honor the Mayor. They shall report an order appropriating such sums as they deem necessary for the lawful public uses, and setting forth in detail, as far as convenient, the purposes.

2. A committee on Claims, to consist of five Aldermen and eight Councilmen, to whom shall be referred all claims against the City arising from the act or neglect of any of its departments. They shall report annually a list of the claims awarded or approved by them, and the amount of money awarded or paid in settlement thereof.

3. A committee on Finance, to consist of seven members of the Board of Aldermen and ten members of the Common Council, to whom shall be referred all applications for expenditures which involve a loan, or a transfer of any part of an appropriation named in the general appropriation order, or from the reserve fund, as provided in Rule 17.

4. A committee on Legislative Matters, to consist of five Aldermen and eight Councilmen, who shall, unless otherwise ordered, appear before committees of the General Court and represent the interests of the City; provided, said committee shall not, unless directed so to do by the City Council, oppose any legislation petitioned for by the preceding City Council. They shall report in print to the City Council all bills, resolves and petitions presented to the Legislature affecting the City of Boston, or any department thereof. Such printed report shall be made at the next meeting of either branch after such application is made, or earlier, at the discretion of said committee.

5. A committee on Ordinances, to consist of the members of the committee on law department, to whom shall be referred all ordinances introduced in either branch, or transmitted to them by vote of any standing committee. Unless specially instructed, they shall pass upon the question of the form and legality of the ordinance so referred; they may append an order that such ordinance "ought not to pass," and give their reasons therefor, or report such ordinance in a new draft. Such report shall be made in not over two weeks from the meeting at which the reference was ordered, or the ordinance received from a committee.

6. A committee on Police, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the police department.

7. A committee on Printing, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, who shall have the charge of all printing, advertising, or publishing ordered by or for the city council, or either branch, as one of its contingent or incidental expenses, and the supply of all stationery or binding for the same purpose. The committee shall fix the number of copies to be printed of any document printed as above, the minimum, however, to be six hundred; and they shall have the right to make rules and regulations for the care, custody, and distribution of all documents, books, pamphlets, and maps by the city messenger.

8. A committee on Public Lands, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to public lands.

9. A committee on Schools and School-houses, to consist of five aldermen and eight councilmen, to whom shall be referred matters relating to the public schools, and requests for additional school accommodations.

Joint Special Committees.

Rule. 2. Every joint special committee ordered by the City Council shall, unless otherwise provided in the order, be appointed in the manner provided in Rule 1.

Joint Committees.

Rule. 3. The member of the Board of Aldermen first named on every joint committee shall be chairman; and in case of his resignation or inability the other members of the same board, in the order designated by the chairman of the board, and after them the members of the Common Council in the order named, shall act as chairman. Meetings of committees shall be called at the discretion of the chairman, or at the written request of a majority of the members.

Rule 4. Every joint committee shall cause records of their proceedings to be kept in books provided for that purpose; and at every meeting of a committee the records of the previous meeting shall be read, unless otherwise ordered by the committee. In all such meetings of committees all votes shall, at the request of any member, be taken by yeas and nays, and recorded.

Rule 5. No meeting of any committee shall, without the consent of all the members thereof, be called upon less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the clerk shall have mailed the notices or despatched them by special messenger.

Rule 6. Any joint committee may expend from the appropriation for contingent expenses an amount not exceeding two hundred dollars in any one year for purposes connected with the duties of said committee for which no provision has been otherwise made.

Conference Committees.

Rule 7. In every case of disagreement between the two branches of the City Council, if either branch shall request a conference, and appoint a committee of conference, the other branch shall also appoint such a committee, and such committees shall consist of not less than five members each. Both committees shall, at an hour to be agreed upon by their chairmen, meet and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons for the action of their respective branches in relation to the matter in controversy, shall confer freely thereon, and shall report to their respective branches.

Reference to Committees.

Rule 8. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. Either branch of the City Council may commit or recommit to a joint committee, but a reference with instructions shall require concurrent action.

Reports of Joint Committees.

Rule 9. No report of a joint committee shall be received by either branch of the City Council unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. The report of a committee upon any subject referred to them shall, unless otherwise ordered by the City Council or by the committee, be presented to the branch in which the order of reference originated. It shall be the duty of every joint committee to which any subjects may be specially referred, to report thereon within four weeks, or to ask for further time.

Rule 10. All reports submitted to the City Council shall be written or printed, and no indorsement of any kind shall be made on the reports, memorials or other papers, excepting those made by the officers of either branch, or the name of the member offering the same. Every report

of a committee shall be signed by a member belonging to the body to which it shall be presented, unless otherwise directed by the committee. Every member presenting an order, ordinance or resolution shall have his name endorsed thereon. Such member shall be informed by the clerk of the committee to which the matter is referred, of the time fixed for its consideration, if he give notice of his desire to be heard thereon.

Rule 11. Any report containing any recommendation other than "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to take further action," or reference to another board or committee, shall be accompanied by an ordinance, order or resolve, embodying such recommendation; and such report shall be acted upon separately.

Rule 12. Any member of a joint committee may submit a minority report at the same time as the majority report, and, if the latter be in print, he shall be allowed to submit his report also in print. Either branch may order to be printed the report of any committee submitted to it, or any document relating to a subject under consideration, the expense thereof to be charged to the general appropriation for printing.

Notice to Other Branch.

Rule 13. All papers requiring concurrent action shall be transmitted from one branch of the City Council to the other before the next regular meeting of the latter branch, with the action of the branch sending them indorsed thereon, and signed by the regular presiding officer of such branch, or, in his absence, by the clerk, or assistant clerk, of such body. In case of votes or action by either branch, not based on written orders or papers, notice of the same shall be transmitted to the other branch, signed as hereinbefore directed. In case any ordinance, order or resolution, originating in one branch, shall fail to pass in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

Orders and Resolutions.

Rule 14. In all votes requiring concurrent action the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command; and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions, principles, facts or purposes.

Appropriations and Expenditures.

Rule 15. Whenever the City Council shall order an expenditure by any committee, board or officer, either in addition to the estimates on which the appropriation was made, or for an object not included in such estimates, it shall provide for the payment of the same.

Rule 16. No expenditure shall be made from the reserve fund except by a transfer to some other appropriation, or to a new appropriation to be established, and no expenditure shall be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses except transfers and the expenditures therefrom provided for in the ordinances.

Rule 17. Every application for an additional appropriation, to be provided for by transfer or loan, shall be referred to the Committee on Finance; and no such additional appropriation shall be made until the said committee have reported thereon.

Rule 18. No order authorizing the borrowing of money, or the transfer of one appropriation, or part of an appropriation, to another appropriation, shall be passed, unless two-thirds of the whole number of the members of each branch of the City Council vote in the affirmative, by a vote taken by yeas and nays.

Bills and Accounts.

Rule 19. No presiding officer of a board or chairman of a committee, unless duly authorized by such board or committee, shall approve any bill or account against the city.

Amendment or Repeal.

Rule 20. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the City Council present and voting thereon.

The question came on accepting the report of the committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there are no changes at all in the rules of this year from those of last year, and that the changes in the rules the past few years have been very slight.

The report was accepted, and the rules were adopted. Sent up.

COMMON COUNCIL RULES.

The PRESIDENT, for the Committee on Rules of the Common Council, submitted the following:—

The special committee appointed to prepare and report a draft of the rules to govern the Common Council for the year 1904, having considered the subject, respectfully submit herewith the accompanying draft, being the same rules as were in force for the year 1903. (Doc. 43.)

RULES AND ORDERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time, the regular meeting of the Common Council shall be held on every Thursday at 7:45 o'clock P.M., and on the appearance of a quorum the Council shall be called to order. In the absence of the President the oldest senior member present shall take the chair, and a President pro tempore shall be chosen by ballot; and if an election is not effected on the first trial, on subsequent trials a plurality vote shall elect.

The roll shall be called at each meeting of the Council, at the discretion of the President, but not later than nine o'clock.

When the meeting of the Common Council is called to order, it shall be the duty of the City Messenger to cause the electric bell in the antechamber to be rung for the purpose of notifying the members that the body is in session, and for the three minutes next following the ringing of the bell no business shall be transacted and no members recognized by the Chair for any purpose.

President.

Rule 2. The president shall appoint and announce all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and shall communicate his appointments to the council at the meeting following such action, if not made during a session. All vacancies upon committees shall be filled in the manner of original appointment, and members so appointed shall take rank according to the date of their appointment, unless otherwise designated by the president.

Rule 3. The president may, at any time, call another member to the chair, but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment. In all cases the president may vote.

Rule 4. The president shall preserve order in the council chamber, during sessions of the council, and in case any member other than the one recognized by the chair insists on occupying the floor for any purpose, except to rise to a point of order or question of personal privilege, he shall, upon request of the president, take his seat, and upon refusal to comply with such request, said member shall, by a majority vote of the members present and voting, be removed from the council chamber, such removal to remain in effect during the remainder of the session, unless otherwise ordered. The president shall forbid smoking in the council chamber.

Clerk.

Rule 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the acts, votes, and proceedings of the Common Council, and a separate record of all decisions of the chair upon questions of order. He shall have the care and custody of all papers belonging to this branch of the city council, and shall prepare a schedule of business in order for each meeting, in such manner as the president may direct.

He shall draw up and send all messages to the Board of Aldermen; and shall retain in his possession all papers until the right to file a notice of reconsideration has expired, and if such notice is made he shall keep the papers pertaining thereto until the right of reconsideration has expired.

Conduct of Members.

Rule 6. Except when otherwise provided, no member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes, and a further equal time if the council so vote. No member shall speak a second time on a question, if another member, who has not spoken, claims the floor.

Rule 7. No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Every member while speaking shall confine himself to the question under debate, and shall refrain from personalities, and shall not refer to any other member of the council except by a respectful designation; and no member shall speak or vote out of his place without leave of the president.

Quorum.

Rule 8. Whenever a member raises a doubt of a quorum being present, the chair shall ascertain and declare whether a quorum is present or not. For this purpose he may, at his discretion, or on motion, sustained by one-fifth of the members present, order the roll to be called. If a quorum is not present he shall declare the council adjourned.

Committees.

Rule 9. All matters relating to the election of members shall be referred to the standing committee on elections, which shall consist of five members.

Rule 10. There shall be a standing committee on judiciary, consisting of five members, who shall have the power to obtain the opinion of the corporation counsel on all matters that shall be referred to them.

Rule 11. All committees of this council shall be notified of their meetings by the clerk of the committees. They shall not sit during sessions of the council without special leave, nor be called on less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the notices are mailed by the clerk or despatched by special messengers, unless all the members consent; and the clerk shall keep a record of their doings. The member first named shall be chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, in which case the council shall be notified of the change; and the same rule shall apply to members serving on joint committees.

Rule 12. Special committees of the council shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule 13. No report of any committee shall be received unless agreed to by such committee at a duly notified meeting thereof. Such report, when presented, may be ordered to be printed, and shall then take its place among the unfinished business for consideration at the next meeting.

Committee of the Whole.

Rule 14. When the council shall determine to go into a committee of the whole, the president shall appoint the member who shall take the chair.

Rule 15. The rules of proceedings in the

council shall be observed in the committee of the whole, so far as they are applicable; but the previous question shall not be moved, and a motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be first in order, and shall be decided without debate.

Order of Business.

Rule 16. At every meeting of the Council the order of business shall be as follows:

First. Reading of the records of the preceding meeting, if called for by a majority of the members present.

Second. Messages from His Honor the Mayor, reports of city officers, and other communications addressed to the Council.

Third. Papers from the Board of Aldermen.

Fourth. Reports of committee on finance.

Fifth. Reports of committees, which shall be called for by divisions in numerical order.

Sixth. Motions, orders and resolutions. Orders and resolutions shall be read once, and, upon motion, referred to their appropriate committees or assigned to the next meeting. If no objection is made, or the rules are suspended, orders and resolutions may, at the time they are offered, be given a second reading and passed. All orders relating to heads of departments shall, unless otherwise ordered, be referred to the Mayor.

Seventh. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.

Eighth. Notices of motions for reconsideration. (See Rule 35.)

Ninth. Motions, orders and resolutions which shall take the same course as provided in the sixth section of this rule; provided, however, that not more than thirty minutes shall be allowed for the presentation of papers under the sixth order of business. Papers shall be called for by divisions in numerical order, and only one member in division one, two members in division two, two members in division three and one member in division four shall be recognized until each division has been called.

Rule 17. All papers addressed to the Council shall be presented by the president, or by a member; and unless the Council shall otherwise determine, they shall be read by the president, or such other person as he may request, and be taken up in the order in which they have been presented.

Rule 18. All ordinances, orders and resolutions shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, after each of which debate shall be in order, and they shall then be put on their passage. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first the document may be read by its title only.

Rule 19. No ordinance, and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document.

Motions.

Rule 20.—Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President shall so direct, and no other motion shall be entertained until a reasonable time be afforded for compliance with such direction.

Rule 21. In naming sums and fixing times the largest sum and longest time shall first be put to the question.

Rule 22. When a question is under debate, the President shall receive any of the following motions, but no others:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. The previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To assign to a time certain.
6. To amend.
7. To refer to a committee.

8. To refer to another board.

9. To postpone indefinitely.

These several motions shall not be applied to each other, except that the motion to assign, amend, refer, or to close debate at a specified time, may be amended; and the previous question may be demanded upon an amendment, which motion shall be decided without debate. When one of these motions has been made, none of the others, inferior to it in precedence, shall be made, and, in proceeding to vote, motions pending shall be put in the order of their rank, as above arranged. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 23. When a matter has been assigned to be taken up at a fixed hour, or at a certain stage of proceedings, such matter shall, at the time appointed, or at any time subsequent thereto, during the same or succeeding meetings, be in order upon the call of any member and take precedence of all other business.

Rule 24. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motion shall be put in the following order:

A standing committee of the Council.

A special committee of the Council.

A joint standing committee.

A joint special committee.

Rule 25. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided business of a nature to be recorded on the journal has been transacted since a motion to adjourn was rejected; and such motion shall be decided without debate.

Rule 26. Debate on a call for the previous question, or on a motion to close debate at a specified time, or on a motion to lay on the table, or take from the table, shall not exceed ten minutes, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. In such debate, however, the merits of the main question shall not be discussed.

Rule 27. Any member may require the divider of a question when the sense will admit of it; and any member may move at any time for the suspension of any rule or rules.

Previous Question.

Rule 28. The previous question shall be put in the following form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided.

Rule 29. When the previous question is ordered, the vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question.

Rule 30. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, shall be decided without debate, except on an appeal; and on such an appeal no member shall be allowed to speak more than once without leave of the Council.

Appeal.

Rule 31. No appeal from the decision of the President shall be entertained until it is seconded, and no motion but to adjourn shall be in order till the question on the appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?" and it shall be deemed to be decided in the affirmative until a majority of the votes given are to the contrary.

Voting.

Rule 32. If the President is unable to decide, or if any member doubts a vote, the President shall cause a rising vote to be taken on the question without further debate. The President shall appoint two tellers for each division of the Council, as fixed by him, who shall agree on a count, and report the result aloud to him.

Rule 33. A motion that any pending vote shall be taken by yeas and nays shall be in order at any time, and no debate shall be allowed thereon, but it shall be passed by the assent of one-fifth of the members present. Every member present shall answer to his name unless excused before the vote is taken.

Rule 34. After the announcement of a vote, not taken by yeas and nays, any member may move for a verification thereof by yeas and nays, and on such motion a debate of the original question, not exceeding five minutes, shall be permitted, and the yeas and nays shall be taken, provided one-fifth of the members voting shall so require.

Reconsideration.

Rule 35. When a vote has been passed, any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, either immediately after the announcement of such vote, or whenever motions are in order; or of any member, who is not shown by a yeas and nays vote to have voted against the prevailing side, shall give notice to the clerk, before ten o'clock A.M. of the next day but one following that on which a meeting was held, except the final meeting of the year, or that preceding any adjournment for over two weeks, of his intention to do so, he may move a reconsideration at the next meeting at which said motion is reached in the order of proceedings.

Rule 36. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall speak more than five minutes. Whenever a matter has been especially assigned, a notice, as above specified, to reconsider any vote affecting it, shall be considered whenever such special assignment takes effect.

Rule 37. When a motion for reconsideration has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon either of the following motions:

- To adjourn.
- The previous question.
- To lay on the table.
- To take from the table.
- To close debate at a specified time.

Rescinding Votes.

Rule 38. After a vote has been refused a reconsideration, it shall not be rescinded unless two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the Common Council vote in the affirmative.

Elections.

Rule 39. All elections of city officers by this branch shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 170 of the Acts of the year 1899.

Seats of Members.

Rule 40. No person except a member of the Council shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the Council is in session. The seats of the members of the Council shall be numbered, and shall be determined, in the presence of the Council, by drawing the names of members and the number of the seat simultaneously; and each member shall be entitled for the year to the seat bearing the number so drawn against his name, and shall not change it except by the permission of the president.

Spectators.

Rule 41. The city messenger shall allow no person upon the floor of the Council Chamber, or in either of the anterooms, except members of the City Government, heads of departments and reporters, without the permission of the president; and while the Council is in session, no person, except members of the City Government, heads of departments and reporters, shall be allowed in either of the anterooms or

the easterly side. The president shall order such accommodations on the floor for reporters and spectators as he shall deem proper; provided, however, that no spectators shall be seated behind the members of the Council.

Rule 42. The Council Chamber shall be used for meetings of the Council only, unless by special vote of the Common Council; provided, that during the summer recess the president may allow the chamber to be used for public purposes, in all cases reporting his action to the Council at its next meeting. The anteroom and large committee-room on the east shall be subject to the same rules, except that the president may allow committee meetings to be held therein at times when the Council is not in session. The clerk's room shall be assigned to the clerk of the Common Council for occupancy and use. The anteroom between the Council Chamber and the clerk's room shall be used during the meetings of the Council to give access to the seats on the floor, and for such other purposes as the president may direct; provided, that smoking there shall not be allowed on the part of visitors. The general care and supervision of these rooms are hereby intrusted to the city messenger, subject to the direction of the president; but no expenditure of money shall be made except by direct vote of the Common Council.

Parliamentary Practice.

Rule 43. The rules of parliamentary practice as contained in Cushing's "Law and Practice of Legislative Assemblies," shall govern this Council in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules or the joint rules of the City Council.

Repeal.

Rule 44. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or repealed, at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the Common Council present and voting thereon.

The report was accepted, and the rules adopted.

PLAN OF SEATS.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the City Messenger be requested to prepare a plan of the seats of the members of the Common Council for the year 1904, and to cause the usual number of copies to be printed, and that no change in the seats be allowed after Thursday, Jan. 21, 1904. The expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Contingent Fund of the Common Council when made.

Passed.

TELLERS APPOINTED.

The President appointed as tellers the following members, viz:

- First Division—Messrs. Wood of Wd. 20 and Driscoll of Wd. 14.
- Second Division—Messrs. Callahan of Wd. 16 and Graumann of Wd. 22.
- Third Division—Messrs. Barrett of Wd. 18 and Higgins of Wd. 24.
- Fourth Division—Messrs. Gethro of Wd. 9 and Stalker of Wd. 1.

EAST BOSTON IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2 offered the following:

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance bill the sum of \$2500 for a hand-ball court, Wood Island Park.

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$30,000 for an Ambulance Station, East Boston.

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan

bill the sum of \$100,000 for a Municipal Building, East Boston.

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for a new ferry boat for the East Boston Ferry.

Ordered—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to provide for the dredging of a suitable channel to Jeffries Point, East Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate and maintain an electric light on Maverick St., between Cottage and Lamson Sts., East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Fourth of July, when appointed, be requested to set aside the sum of \$2500 for the East Boston Carnival Association, for the celebration of July Fourth.

Referred to the committee on Fourth of July, when appointed.

STATIONERY FOR COUNCILMEN.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the City Messenger provide each member of the Common Council with one ream of octavo note paper, in quality equal to No. 4 Baronial, white laid, plain finish, Old Berkshire, and suitably engraved at head, also with one box, half-thousand, of envelopes to match; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF COTTAGE PLACE.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Cottage Place, Wd. 13.

Passed. Sent up.

SAFETY OF THEATRES, ETC.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8 called up No. 4, past assignment, viz:—

4. Ordered. That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council whether there are any theatres in the City of Boston conducted in such a manner that they do not comply fully with the building laws relative to the safety of the public attending such theatres.

On January 4, Mr. Ferber offered the following as a substitute for the above order:—

Ordered. That a joint special committee to consist of five members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be appointed to act as a commission to begin an immediate inquiry into the character, efficiency and adequacy of all fire precautions in use in all theatres, dance hall, lecture halls, and any other buildings used for the assembling of large numbers of persons at one time, and also into the adequacy of the present laws relating to them, and to report to the City Council as speedily as possible, together with any recommendations they may deem wise. Said committee is authorized to invite in conjunction with them a builder to be suggested by the Master Builders' Association, an architect to be suggested by the Boston Society of Architects, an electrical engineer and chemist to be suggested by the President or Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a theatrical mechanic to be suggested by the Theatrical Mechanics' Association.

Ordered, also, That pending the investigation of said commission, and until some better means of inspection be established, that the Fire Commissioner be requested to detail two firemen to each theatre at least an hour before and during a perform-

ance, to look after, inspect and test all fire precautions in said theatres. The expense of said detail of firemen to be paid by licensees of said theatres, to the city.

The orders were referred to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed.

Later in the session, Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13, said:

Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the reference of No. 4 on the calendar to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed. I do not see where this order has any bearing whatever on the Committee on Building Department, when appointed. I have no interest in the matter whatsoever, and whether you defeat it or not, it is immaterial to me. As far as I have seen the various theatres of Boston, from an impartial view, I believe that they are worthy of the attention of our building commissioner, and I believe he will do his duty. But, nevertheless, I think there is no necessity of referring the order to the Committee on Building Department, because that committee, or any other committee, may take it into their heads to visit the various theatres, and, through some means or other, they may get the opportunity to visit theatres all over the country. (Laughter.) I do not see the necessity of anything of that kind, and I desire to have the order debated and fought out here in the council, or else left to the judgment of the building commissioner. For that reason, I hope that you will either vote to appoint a committee, or vote not to.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that No. 4 on the calendar was referred to the Committee on Building Department, under the rule which provides that all matters shall be referred to their appropriate committees. This matter having reference to public buildings and places of amusement, which are under the jurisdiction of the building commissioner, and in respect to whose department the Committee on Building Department have, not supervision, but perhaps concurrent powers, the Chair considered that that was the appropriate committee to which to refer it.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I trust reconsideration will prevail. It seems to me rather a late time for the president to assume the authority, under a rule, of referring an order which asks for the appointment of a committee, to a committee. It seems to me that the president evidently got his light a week and a half after the order was introduced. Now, Mr. President, if the members of the Council think this order is not proper, they can reject it; if they think it is proper, they can vote for it. But it seems to me they ought to have the opportunity, without any shift being devised to deprive them of it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, that the only reason which deterred him from referring it to the committee when it was introduced, was that he did not care to embarrass the gentleman from Wd. 10 on inauguration day. (Laughter.) The Chair still thinks it should be referred to the Committee on Building Department, although it relates to the appointment of a committee, in order that the Committee on Building Department may have an opportunity to tell the Council whether or not they are able to take care of those matters without the assistance of an outside committee.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President and fellow-members, I hope the reference will be reconsidered. Both the President and the gentlemen from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber) have lost sight of the fact—which I have not—that there is an order under No. 4 which emanated from my brain (laughter), and while it may not amount to anything in the opinion of those two gentlemen, to my

mind—it amounts to considerable. For that reason and for the reason that I hope the Council will take favorable action upon my order, and not upon the substitute order, I hope that the reference will be reconsidered, and that my order will be passed.

The motion to reconsider reference of the matter to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed, was declared lost. Mr. Conway doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rollcall. The yeas and nays were ordered, and reconsideration was carried—yeas 33, nays 30:

Yeas—Bradley, Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Conboy (3), Conway (23), Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ferber, Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, W. J., Gleason, Grady, Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McKie, McKinney, McKnight, Murray, Newton, Price, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams—33.

Nays—Barrett, Barry, Brazzell, Callahan, Colbert, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gethero, Good, Graumann, Higgins, Leavitt, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Pierce, Rachakowsky, Simms, Sullivan, D. L., Wood—30.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Bell, Carter, Collins, J. F., Colman, Cook, Dolan, Harrington, Lacey, MacLoud, Maynard, Reagan—12.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I ask for your ruling as to whether or not every member of the Council is not supposed, unless excused, to vote upon a measure which comes before the Council?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that that is the understanding of the President; but it has not been called to his attention that any specific member did not vote, and he did not notice the fact himself; and, there not having been any objection during the roll call, the Chair cannot remedy it at this time. The question is on reference of the matter to the Committee on Building Department. The Chair will state that it is within the province of the gentleman to move a suspension of the rules—which requires a two-thirds vote—and thus prevent reference of the matter to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that the rules be suspended, and that the question be put upon its passage tonight. I should like to ask what rule it is necessary to suspend in order to prevent this from being referred to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed.

The PRESIDENT—Under the rule of the Council which provides that all matters shall be referred to their appropriate committees—under the sixth section of the sixteenth rule.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, it seems to me, that, the vote of the Council having been taken just now, it is evidently the desire of the Council to consider this matter; and, it having been once referred to the Committee, and the Council having voted to recall it back to the Council, it seems to me that the members ought to be given an opportunity to decide this without a ruling of the Chair preventing it—which I do not like to appeal from. It does seem to me that it is somewhat inappropriate to say that that rule requires that an order for the appointment of another committee shall be referred to a committee which is not yet appointed. On no other grounds than those of propriety, it seems to me that the President might well this evening, as in the past, have allowed the matter to be considered by the Council, when they desired to consider it. I trust the Chair will not enforce the ruling that this requires a suspension of the rule to consider it this evening.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Chair cannot do otherwise than

to comply with the rule, after the gentleman has moved a suspension of the rule.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, it seems to me, judging from past experience of committees of this body, that it is very unwise and very imprudent for this Council to vote to refer such an important matter as is included in the two orders that are on the calendar under No. 4, to the Committee on Building Department. I understand that the Building Commissioner is at the present time, or has been, making an investigation of the theatres of this city, which I hope will be presented to His Honor, if not to the City Council of Boston, as to their safety. With all due respect to the wisdom of the members who have voted upon this matter, it seems to me that they are negligent in matters of this kind, when they vote to refer such an important matter, one that refers not only to the public at large of the city of Boston, but of the surrounding towns, as to whether or not theatres of Boston are in proper condition to be used by these people—I say that when the members vote to refer such a matter to a committee, which I venture without any hesitancy to say will allow it to die in the files of that committee, they are not taking what seems to me to be the proper action. I believe, as I said before, that an order of this importance should pass.

Either of the orders under that number has for its object the obtaining of information which is of vital importance to the safety and well-being of the citizens of Boston. I certainly hope and trust that the members will vote to suspend the rules at this time, so that the matter will not be referred to the Committee on Building Department, but will come before this body. Whether my order passes, or the order of the gentleman from Wd. 10 passes, either of them, to my mind, would obtain the information that is sought for, and which should be obtained by the City Council, as it presumes and pretends to be the guardian and representative of the city of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 23, that the part of the order which was offered by him would naturally be referred to His Honor, the Mayor—the destination which it would reach at all events.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—It seems to me, Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, that this matter is of such a nature that the rules might well be suspended at this time, in order that the matter might be considered here. We have in the order of the gentleman from Wd. 19 (Mr. Ferber) what is, to my mind, a very comprehensive order, and one which will go a long way towards determining exactly whether or not the theatres of the city are in a safe condition for the people of the city, and of greater Boston, to visit. I believe at the present time there is in the public mind a sense of insecurity. Many persons do not know whether or not the theatres are safe and secure. On the part of some persons, there is a confidence that they are all right; and we have the feeling on the part of other persons that they are not all right. If they are in proper condition, I submit that the public ought to know that; and the sooner they know it, the better for everybody. If they are not all right, then that too, should be known. I sincerely hope, Mr. President and gentlemen, that the rules will be suspended, and that the matter will not be considered by a committee which is not yet appointed and which may not be appointed for at least another week. I hope that it will be considered here in this body tonight.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope that the rules will not be suspended here tonight. These matters, as they are brought up here during the year, are naturally referred to the Committee by the President, and I think the President has taken the proper course in this matter. If

the first order which was introduced by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23 is acted on, it will be the duty of the building commissioner to send in his report to this body, through the Mayor, as to what he finds from the investigation he is now carrying on. I cannot see where there will be any delay whatsoever, because these men are out every day working upon this matter at the present time. If the matter is taken up under the substitute order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 10, that committee will take a great deal more time than any committee appointed by this body. We know that this commission is proposed to be selected from different associations in Boston, and I can see no hope of getting a report from a committee of that sort for at least six months. I think the President has taken the proper course in referring the matter to the committee stated, as called for by the rules, and I hope the Council will sustain him in that ruling.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I desire to beg the indulgence of the President and members of the Council for moving reconsideration upon this matter, because I now see clearly that the rule should not be suspended. (Laughter.) My only interest in the matter was to push aside that second section of the order. I now see that the first section can be referred to the Mayor. I believe if this committee were appointed it would take up much time, that there would be a great deal of junketing, and we would probably get a report from the committee at the last meeting of the Council, as we did from the Long Island Committee; and the chances are that we would have a stenographic bill of something like seven thousand or eight thousand dollars from that committee. I desire to say that it is my intention to vote against suspension of the rule, and I beg the indulgence of the Chair for having moved suspension of the rule, on that account. I hope the Chair will be sustained.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the members, that he does not care to be misunderstood in this matter. It is immaterial to me what disposition the Council makes of it. I am here simply to carry out the rules. Rule 24 is even more stringent than the rule I quoted in regard to this matter. It says: "When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee."

It may be said that the committee is not in existence. That objection is not a valid one, for the reason that the committee this calls for is not in existence, and would not be until the Chair appointed it, which might be no sooner than he appointed the committee on building department. The matter was referred to the committee on building department when appointed, not alone in deference to the rules, but because the powers of the Common Council are today restricted, and the appointment of committees, in consequence, entails great hardship on the president. I have but twenty-five good places on committees to give to fifty-three democrats and ten or twelve places to give to twenty-two republicans. I wish to be fair with all the members of this body, and it certainly is not fair to men who have been here a number of years and who seek appointments upon active working committees, or to other members who are looking for committee appointments, that the committees should be stripped of their powers. What is proposed here is nothing but another committee on building department. The order simply calls for the appointment of a committee to perform duties which would naturally devolve upon the committee on building department. The legitimate committees of this body are only

made up after a great deal of hard work. It takes two weeks to make up the list, the manual labor alone being considerable, to say nothing about the mental worry. Then, after the committees are appointed, a large proportion of them never have meetings. Therefore, when there is anything comes up which it is proper for a committee of this body to attend to, it should certainly be referred to that committee. When a member seeks appointment upon a committee he has a right to feel that that appointment means at least something, and when he goes upon it he should not find it stripped of all its powers because a special committee has been appointed in its place to consider a subject that should properly come before it for consideration. The question is on suspension of the rule.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the president will be sustained in the position he has taken. He has given a fair exposition of his reasons why the matter should be referred to the committee on building department. The gentleman from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) has referred to different committees taking so long a time in getting together. But we are well aware that the building committee is a committee that meets each week, and there is no doubt that that committee will do its duty.

If the gentleman from Wd. 23 or the gentleman from Wd. 10 wish to find out whether that committee is doing its duty, they can follow the matter up and see that the committee do their duty in the matter. I sincerely hope tonight that the members will sustain the president in the position he had taken.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I am in a rather peculiar position here tonight, I think, in opposing the reference to the committee. I did not do so with the intent of opposing the president in any of his rulings; but I think I can see—and if I am not right I hope the president will enlighten me—that if Mr. Ferber's order is referred to the committee on building department my order will naturally go with it. Of course, I object to that, for the simple reason that I can appreciate the fact that perhaps both the president and myself are in a peculiar position, because in one of his rulings he has said, I believe, that all orders referring to heads of departments shall be referred to His Honor the Mayor. I believe Mr. Ferber's order is for the appointment of a joint special committee. Naturally, as I understand it, if that order is referred to the committee on building department, my order does not go to His Honor the Mayor. So I don't like to see my order die through that process. I would rather see it die, if die it must, by the votes of the members against it.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I regret that the number of democrats in the body makes it so difficult for the President to appoint his committees, but it does seem to me that that is a sufficient reason for considering or not considering any proposed legislation. This commission requires more than a committee of the Common Council. It requires a committee of experts, architects, electrical engineers, master builders and theatrical mechanics, and it requires also the Fire Commissioner to detail firemen to see that the requirements are being complied with. The purpose of the order, Mr. President, is evident. From the Building Commissioner's report you can get the inference—

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that Mr. Ferber has the floor.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, in the morning paper the Commissioner is reported as saying that he asked for a law which will compel owners of buildings to

notify the department of changes. He says:

"Such a law cannot be passed too quickly. With all our precautions and our cleverness, we never know when some terrible calamity like that in Chicago may strike this city. And then it will be too late. The time to act is now." That is from our Building Commissioner. He says further:

"As the matter stands we, here, cannot know—"

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I understand that the question before the Council is on suspension of the rule. The gentleman is discussing the order itself. I think that is out of order at the present time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is compelled to rule the point of order well taken, and will request the gentleman from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber) to confine his remarks to the question of whether or not the rule should be suspended.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the purpose of suspending the rule is that the matter should be considered now, and I was reading something from a statement made by the Building Commissioner, who says we should act and have legislation now. It seems to me I am well within the rules. "As the matter stands we, here, cannot know, unless an inspector happens along that way, or unless someone sends in a complaint, whether the third floor of No. 131 Blank St. is still used as a warehouse for some manufactory or as a manufactory itself—"

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I still maintain that the question at present is whether the rule should be suspended or not. Upon the question of suspension of the rule the merits of the question cannot be gone into. I believe the gentleman at the present time is discussing the merits of the question—not whether the rule should be suspended or not.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is compelled to ask the indulgence of the gentleman from Wd. 8 until he may find out whether or not the gentleman is talking to the merits of the question or upon suspension of the rule. (Laughter.)

Mr. FERBER—I am reading the statement of our Building Commissioner. He says:

"We have few enough inspectors to do the work, and they have no time to go all over the city and examine every floor of every building every month. If they did, they would have no time to do anything else. But in some way or other we ought to keep posted, and the only way I can think of—at all events the cheapest—is to have the law passed such as I have suggested."

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Rule 6 of the Common Council is being tread upon. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule, on the gentleman's point of order, that the rule is still intact. (Laughter.) The gentleman has not spoken for more than fifteen minutes at any one time. (Laughter.)

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I desire a suspension of the rule, because the matter we have to consider is something we should act upon now. I have here tonight as instances of violations of law the programmes of various theatres. I will not trouble the Council with details of them. They all show violations of law. Some of them were procured no later than last Saturday night. (A Voice—The Palace?) There are programmes of the Colonial, the Boston, and many others. I have here evidence of any number of violations of law going on daily. Now, we ought to have somebody stop that right away and the public secured. Conditions here now are no better than they were in Chicago. I don't know whether the Governor's recommendation for a commission for re-

vision of building laws will be accepted or not. But the City of Boston ought to do something, anyway. I want to get some legislation proposed by a commission that will carefully investigate and determine what legislation we need to improve conditions. Therefore, I move, as the matter is urgent, that the rule be suspended, so that we may get through this tonight.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I am really sorry that the gentleman from Wd. 10 has taken so much of the time of the body upon this question: If he has absolute proof that the theatres are violating the rules of the building department or the conditions of their licenses, he has a perfect right to complain to the proper authorities, to prefer charges and thereby remedy any evil that exists. I don't think the method he is taking at the present time will help the public; and therefore, I move the previous question.

The main question was ordered.

The Council refused to suspend the rule; yeas 12, nays 53.

Yeas—Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Conway (3), Conway (23), Crowley, W. H., Ferber, Jepson, Lacey, McKie, McKluney, Murray, Williams—12.

Nays—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. F., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Manco-vitz, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rackowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—53.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Beil, Carter, Cook, Harrington, MacLoud, Maynard, McKnight, Reagan, Warner—10.

The order stood referred to the Committee on Building Department, when appointed, under the rules.

A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I rise at this time to a question of personal privilege, and for the purpose of calling the attention, not only of the members of the Council and the persons in the Chamber, but of many other persons outside, to the fact that on inauguration day, January 4, I did vote for John F. Dever for Clerk of Committees. Mr. Chairman, for some reason or other, that fact is not recorded either in the morning Advertiser of January 5, or in the minutes of that meeting which have been put on the desks of the members of the Common Council. I desire to right myself upon that question at this time. It is a very small matter, and it may seem to many of the gentlemen as somewhat of a joke. It did appeal to me, Mr. Chairman, as a joke until one of the leaders of the party in my ward a day or two ago asked me, "Why didn't you vote for Dever, on inauguration day, in accordance with the vote of the Democratic caucus?" I had to stop at that time and explain to him that I did vote in that way. Mr. President, that was not quite so funny as when I met Mr. Dever himself on Tuesday afternoon, in his office down stairs, and then once again I had to explain that I did vote for him for the office of Clerk of Committees. I desire to right the matter at this time, and take this opportunity to read the following statement:

"Clerk's Office, Common Council,
"Boston, Mass., January 14, 1904.

"The undersigned hereby certifies that Councilman William F. Murray, Jr., is recorded in the journal of the Common Council as voting for John F. Dever for Clerk

of Committees at the meeting of said Council, held on January 4, 1904.

"Joseph O'Kane,
"Clerk of the Common Council."

I sincerely hope and trust, Mr. President, that this matter will appear correctly in the next report of the proceedings of the Common Council for 1904.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 4.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in their first loan order the sum of ten thousand dollars to be expended in completing the playground, Wd. 4, Charlestown.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

FREE RIDES FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. CONWAY, Wd. 23, offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Boston Elevated Railway Company to allow the call members of the Boston Fire Department to ride free going to and from a fire.

Referred to the Mayor.

HALF FARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Mr. CONWAY offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body if the Boston Elevated Railroad Company is not compelled to issue half-fare tickets to the school children, who were enjoying that privilege from the Old Colony Street Railway Company in Wd. 23, when it was leased to the Boston Elevated Railroad Company.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONVENIENCE STATION WD. 8.

Mr. McKIRDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$7500 for a convenience station in the square at the junction of Lowell, Causeway and Merrimack Sts., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

WD. 25 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas-lamp between Nos. 18 and 23 Gordon St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient to provide suitable gymnasium facilities for the North Brighton Playground and Rogers Park, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a plank walk on School St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in the first loan bill the sum of \$10,000 for a site and engine house on Bigelow Hill, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

CONVENIENCE STATION, BOSTON COMMON.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the City Engineer to furnish the estimated cost of constructing an underground convenience station at, or near, the junction of Boylston and Tremont Sts., on Boston Common.

Referred to the Mayor.

COURT FACILITIES.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That a special committee be appointed, to consist of five members of the Common Council and such as the Board of Aldermen may join, to consider and prepare plans for providing adequate facilities for the Supreme, Superior, Probate and Municipal Courts holding sessions in Boston.

Assigned to the next meeting.

PAY OF LABORERS.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the laborers double pay for Sunday and the nights they worked clearing the streets of snow.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, it seems to me that I cannot at this time let that order go by without saying a word. I think that if you and I were to hire these men and ask them to work, or if any man were to hire them and ask them to work, from six o'clock at night until midnight, we would think \$1 was a very small sum to pay them. If you recall the kind of weather that we had last week, and also last Sunday, you will realize that \$1 for the stated time is a very small sum. I think every member of this body will agree with me that the men are deserving of double time. There is no doubt in my mind but what the Superintendent of Streets is a man with a heart as large as a mountain, and if His Honor would only agree to his paying a larger amount, he would allow it to the men. I hope and trust that the order will pass, and move a suspension of the rules.

At the request of Mr. FAY of Wd. 18, the order was read again for information.

The order was passed. Sent up.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Heads of Departments employing laborers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to increase the pay of such laborers from \$2.00 per day, now paid, to \$2.25 per day.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I think this is a measure that should demand the attention of every member of this Council. You will find that clerks, mechanics and laborers outside of the employ of the City of Boston have in the past five years been granted an increase of pay, and, while the necessities of life have increased about twenty per cent, still the employees and laborers of the City of Boston who have been receiving two dollars a day have had their salaries remain the same for the past fifteen years. I think that might be termed a startlingly small salary—\$2 a day. Gentlemen, there is not a member here who does not know how far \$12 a week will go. You may take one week when a man, probably with a family of four or five children, has got to pay his rent—perhaps \$10—and he has but \$2 left to support the family for the remainder of that week. It is an order, gentlemen, that I think should meet with the agreement of every member of the Council, and I trust and hope that it will pass.

On motion of Mr. HOURIN, the rule was suspended, and the order was passed. Sent up.

WARD 22 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HOURIN offered the following:
Ordered That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a Shaw Patent street sign at the corner of Old Heath and Bromley Sts., Wd. 22, so as to properly designate the said streets.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be

requested to place two electric lights on Ritchie St. in Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp on Wise St., at the corner of Roys St., in Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$10,000 for the improvement of the Marcella St. Playground in Wd. 22.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$65,000 for an engine house on Centre St., near Day St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

CAR SERVICE, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to petition the Boston Elevated Railway Company to furnish extra car facilities on the East Boston side of the North Ferry, between the hours of six o'clock and nine o'clock in the morning; twelve o'clock and one o'clock at noon; and four o'clock and seven o'clock in the afternoon, especially on the Winthrop Junction line.

Referred to the Mayor.

EVACUATION DAY APPROPRIATION.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed, be requested to include in the appropriation bill the sum of \$10,000 for the celebration of Evacuation Day, and the Centennial anniversary of the annexation of Dorchester Heights to Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, when appointed.

LICENSING OF PLUMBERS.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to the Common Council at its next meeting why the law relative to the licensing of plumbers is not being enforced in the city.

Referred to the Mayor.

COST OF LAND.

Mr. GRADY offered an order—That the Cemetery Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council at its next meeting the cost of the land bounded by Eustis St. and Harrison Ave. and the Southerly side of Nawn St. Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Mr. BRAZZELL of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$10,000 for resurfacing Commonwealth Park and placing the same in proper condition for athletic sports.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

REPAIR OF CROSSING.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to cause the crossing in front of the car barn on Bunker Hill St., corner of Sackville St., Wd. 4, to be put in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

WATERING TROUGH, MEDFORD ST.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a watering trough on Medford St., near Cook St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONDITION OF THEATRES, ETC.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner and the Wirc Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to examine and report to this body whether or not the theatres and places of amusement in the city are in a condition which is for the safety of the public.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WD. 6.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$40,000 for the completion of an all-the-year-round bath house, North End.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$10,000 for the renovation of buildings, grading of grounds and placing gymnasium apparatus at North End Park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause a catch basin to be placed at northwest corner of Charles River bridge at Keaney Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Bath Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the convenience station situated in public passageway between Endicott and Blackstone Sts. to be removed at once, as same is to public detriment.

Referred to the Mayor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance, when appointed, be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$2000 for the erection of fence and placing of gymnasium apparatus at Prince St. Playground, Wd. 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

IMPROVEMENT OF ELMWOOD ST. GYMNASIUM.

Mr. McKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance provide in its first loan order the sum of \$5000 for the extension, alteration and improvement of the Elmwood-St. Gymnasium, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

OVERLOADING OF VEHICLES.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to call the attention of the Police Commissioners of the City of Boston to the overloading by owners and drivers of their teams, trucks and vehicles, while the snow and ice is upon or covers the streets, and that the Police Commissioners be further instructed to issue a public notice and otherwise take steps to prevent the recurrence of such acts.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONVENIENCE STATION, ROXBURY CROSSING.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That the Committee on Finance provide in its first loan order the sum of \$10,000 for a convenience station at or near Roxbury Crossing, Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

KEYLESS FIRE ALARM BOX.

Mr. MANCOVITZ for Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8, offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report upon the advisability of placing a keyless fire-alarm box in the vicinity of corner of McLean and Chambers Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

INFORMATION CONCERNING OVER-HEAD WIRES.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Wire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the City Council if there are any overhead wires or cables carrying a current of 2000 volts or over in the streets of the City of Boston, if so, their location and company owning same, if any such wires or cables are used to supply outside cities or towns, if so, if the City of Boston receives any compensation for the use of its streets for such purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

COVERS FOR PATROL SLEIGHS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide covers for the patrol sleighs, or to discontinue their use.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF STREETS, SO. BOSTON

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Mitchell, Gustin, Lark, Frederick and Cottage Sts. to the old road-

bed of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, known as Columbia Rd.
Passed. Sent up.

EMPLOYMENT OF UNION MUSICIANS.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Music Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to employ only union musicians, and to submit their names to the Musicians' Union.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADDITIONAL CAR SERVICE,
CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Boston Elevated Railway Company to furnish additional car service on Bunker Hill St., Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

DAY OFF IN FIVE, FIREMEN.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner include in his appropriation bill for 1904 a sum sufficient to allow the firemen one day off in every five.

The rule was suspended on motion of Mr. Richardson, and the order was passed.
Sent up.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The PRESIDENT announced the appointment of the Committee on Badges, as follows:

Messrs. Spillane of Wd. 19, Newton of 13 and Stalker of 1.

Adjourned, at 9:44 P.M., on motion of Mr. Newton of Wd. 13, to meet on Thursday, January 21, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Jan. 18, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meetings.

JURORS DRAWN.

Sixteen petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, October Term, 1903, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:—

Thomas Mulhern, Wd. 16; Robert F. White, Wd. 14; John L. McGrath, Wd. 24; Everett Morse, Wd. 25; Arthur B. Crowther, Wd. 6; John H. Coombs, Wd. 20; James McDonald, Wd. 12; Horatio F. Nichols, Wd. 10; Chas. F. Pinkham, Wd. 12; James E. McGonagle, Wd. 8; Geo. V. Watendorf, Wd. 16; James M. York, Wd. 20; Elmer A. Lord, Wd. 11; James H. Fairclough, Wd. 20; Wilbur F. Buswell, Wd. 24; Robt. C. Dickinson, Wd. 21.

FLOODING OF COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., January 15, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen.
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order asking them to cause the Cottage St. Playground, East Boston, to be put in condition for skating.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Department of Parks,
Boston, January 11, 1904.
Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—We have received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen requesting us to flood the Cottage St. Playground, Wd. 2, for skating purposes. We should be pleased to do this, but, unfortunately, we have no funds that we can apply to this purpose.

Yours respectfully,
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., January 13, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen.
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Robert Kershaw (205 K St., Wd. 15), a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1904, in place of Robert M. McLeish, who has resigned.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
(The resignation of Robert M. McLeish was accepted today.)
Laid over, under the law.

RULES OF CITY COUNCIL.

Under a suspension of the rule, Chairman Doyle called up No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:—

2. Report of joint special committee, with draft of rules and orders for the government of the City Council, being the same rules as were in force for the year 1903. See City Document 47.

The rules were adopted in concurrence.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE announced the appointment of the following committees, viz.:—

Standing Committees.

Armories—Aldermen Frothingham, Baldwin, Curley, Hennessey, Bromberg.
County Accounts—Aldermen Whelton, Doyle, Slattery, Hennessey, Bromberg.
Electric Wires—Aldermen Slattery, Quigley, Bresnahan, Frothingham, Whelton, Faneuil Hall, etc.—Aldermen Bowen, O'Toole, Baldwin, Kneeland, Curley.
Lamps—Aldermen Curley, Quigley, Kneeland, Whelton, Hennessey.
Licenses—Aldermen Bresnahan, Quigley, Bowen, O'Toole, Bromberg.
Markets—Aldermen Baldwin, Kneeland, Curley, Hennessey, Bromberg.
Railroads—Aldermen Doyle, Slattery, Bowen, O'Toole, Bromberg.
Public Improvements—The Whole Board, Alderman Quigley, Chairman.

Special Committees.

Rules and Orders—Aldermen Doyle, Bowen, Quigley, Bresnahan, Bromberg.
Soldiers' Relief—Aldermen Hennessey, Curley, Baldwin.
Inspection of Prisons—Aldermen Quigley, Bresnahan, Bromberg.

Joint Standing Committees.

Appropriations — Aldermen Bowen, O'Toole, Frothingham, Curley, Kneeland, Baldwin, Hennessey, Bromberg.
Art Department—Aldermen Frothingham, Bromberg, Baldwin, Kneeland, Whelton.
Assessing Department—Aldermen Hennessey, Bowen, O'Toole, Whelton, Bromberg.

Auditing Department—Aldermen Bromberg, Slattery, Bresnahan, Quigley, O'Toole.

Bath Department—Aldermen Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Kneeland, Hennessey.

Building Department—Aldermen Quigley, Bresnahan, Bowen, Baldwin, Curley.

Cemetery Department—Aldermen Doyle, Slattery, Bresnahan, Quigley, Bromberg.

City Clerk Department—Aldermen Whelton, Bowen, Bromberg, Curley, Frothingham.

City Messenger Department—Aldermen Bresnahan, Kneeland, Baldwin, Bowen, Whelton.

Claims—Aldermen Bromberg, Hennessey, O'Toole, Baldwin, Bowen.

Clerk of Committees Department—Aldermen O'Toole, Quigley, Bresnahan, Frothingham, Hennessey.

Collecting Department—Aldermen Doyle, Whelton, Bowen, O'Toole, Bromberg.

Election Department—Aldermen Curley, Quigley, Kneeland, O'Toole, Bowen.

Engineering Department — Aldermen Kneeland, Bromberg, Whelton, Slattery, Curley.

Finance—Aldermen Slattery, Quigley, Bowen, Bresnahan, Whelton, O'Toole, Bromberg.

Fire Department—Aldermen Curley, Baldwin, Kneeland, Bromberg, Frothingham.

Health Department—Aldermen O'Toole, Kneeland, Hennessey, Baldwin, Whelton.

Hospital Department—Aldermen Doyle, Bowen, Curley, O'Toole, Frothingham.

Institutions Departments—Aldermen Bresnahan, Baldwin, Bromberg, Hennessey, O'Toole.

Lamp Department—Aldermen Curley, Quigley, Whelton, Kneeland, Hennessey.

Legislative Matters—Aldermen Bromberg, Kneeland, Baldwin, O'Toole, Hennessey.

Library Department—Aldermen Frothingham, Hennessey, Baldwin, Whelton, Bromberg.

Market Department—Aldermen Baldwin, Kneeland, Curley, Bromberg, Hennessey.

Music Department—Aldermen Bromberg, Slattery, Bowen, Whelton, Frothingham.

Ordinances and Law Department—Aldermen Slattery, Hennessey, Bromberg, Quigley, Bresnahan.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—

Aldermen Kneeland, Bromberg, Whelton, O'Toole, Curley.

Park Department—Aldermen Bowen, Frothingham, Baldwin, Curley, Hennessey, Police—Aldermen Bresnahan, Quigley, Baldwin, Bowen, Whelton.

Printing—Aldermen Baldwin, Hennessey, O'Toole, Doyle, Frothingham.

Public Buildings Department—Aldermen Kneeland, Bowen, O'Toole, Baldwin, Bromberg.

Public Grounds Department—Aldermen Whelton, O'Toole, Hennessey, Bresnahan, Curley.

Public Lands—Aldermen Slattery, Quigley, O'Toole, Hennessey, Frothingham.

Registry Department—Aldermen O'Toole, Baldwin, Curley, Kneeland, Quigley.

Schools and Schoolhouses—Aldermen Kneeland, Frothingham, Hennessey, O'Toole, Baldwin.

Statistics Department—Aldermen Bromberg, Slattery, Hennessey, Frothingham, Kneeland.

Street Department—Aldermen Bowen, Whelton, Quigley, Curley, O'Toole.

Street Laying-Out Department—Aldermen Whelton, Bresnahan, Baldwin, Hennessey, Frothingham.

Treasury Department—Aldermen Frothingham, Bowen, Slattery, O'Toole, Kneeland.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Aldermen Doyle, Bowen, Slattery, Quigley, Bresnahan.

Water Department—Aldermen Quigley, Bowen, Baldwin, O'Toole, Whelton.

Weights and Measures Department—Aldermen Hennessey, Bresnahan, Frothingham, Curley, Baldwin.

Wire Department—Aldermen O'Toole, Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Bromberg.

Joint Special Committees

Evacuation Day—Aldermen Slattery, Bresnahan, Baldwin, Hennessey, Bromberg.

July Fourth—The whole board, Alderman Doyle, Chairman.

June Seventeenth—Aldermen Quigley, Bowen, Slattery, Bresnahan, Bromberg.

Labor Day—Aldermen Kneeland, Curley, Bresnahan, Baldwin, O'Toole.

Mayor's address—Aldermen Slattery, Kneeland, Bromberg, Frothingham, O'Toole.

Memorial Day—Aldermen Curley, O'Toole, Hennessey, Baldwin, Kneeland.

Patriots' Day—Aldermen Whelton, Quigley.

Rules and Orders—Aldermen Doyle, Bowen, Quigley, Bresnahan, Bromberg.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:

Building Department (Ald).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Morris T. Romanow, an illuminated sign, at 238 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Edward E. Morse, an illuminated sign, at 117 Salem St., Wd. 6.

National Drug Co., an illuminated sign, at 117 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Howard C. Woodbury, an illuminated sign, at 250 Washington St., Wd. 6.

H. Goldkrand, a pole on which to hang shoes, at 293 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Hanan & Son, an illuminated sign, at 14 Summer St., Ward 7.

Jacob J. Fewes, an illuminated sign, at 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, a sign, at 22 West St., Wd. 7.

Fox Bros., an illuminated sign, at 685 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Domling & Deiss, an unlettered lamp, at 551 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

John M. Newton, an unlettered lamp, at 1131 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Patrick Bowen & Co., three signs, 2-4 W. Canton St., Wd. 12.

Cummins Clothing Co., an illuminated sign, at 825 Washington St.

Claims.

Edward MacMulkin, for compensation for damage to property at 69 East Brookline St., caused by a broken sewer pipe and water main.

Samuel Trotszky, a minor, by his father, Joseph Trotszky, for compensation for injuries caused by his being run over by a wagon of the Parental School.

Samuel Schwab, for compensation for injuries which caused the death of his son, Aaron Victor Schwab, occasioned by a wagon of the Parental School.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Temporary Home for Jewish Children, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of January 24, 1904.

Massachusetts Minute Men of '61, for the use of Faneuil Hall on April 15, from 12 M. to 5 P.M.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to remove poles on Berkeley and Stanhope Sts., Wd. 11.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect three poles on Atherton St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect five poles on Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Brookline Gas Light Company, that the first named company be allowed to attach its fixtures and wires to poles of the second named company on Oak Square Ave., Wd. 25.

Licenses.

Forepaugh & Sells, for license for a circus and menagerie on Huntington Ave., between Ruggles and Vancouver Sts., for thirty days beginning May 7, 1904.

Boston Athletic Association, for licenses for intercollegiate and interscholastic games at Mechanics Building, on the evening of February 13, and the afternoon of March 19, 1904.

A. Davis Weld, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at Elliot Hall, Elliot St., J. P., for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Public Improvements.

Goodwin & Wester, for leave to erect a guy post at or near No. 33 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Dexter A. Hall, for compensation for damage to estate corner of E. Sixth and P Sts., caused by the change of grade of said E. Sixth St.

Estate of James L. Little, for leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk at 74 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Antonio Giordano, for leave to place a barber pole on sidewalk at 677 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Message of the Mayor, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be and hereby is authorized to settle, with the approval of the Mayor and Committee on Claims, any suits or claims for damages to the real estate of the City of Boston growing out of the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the Boston Elevated Railway.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Whelton.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Cottage Pl., Wd. 18.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Mitchell, Gustin, Lark, Frederick and Cottage Sts. to the old roadbed of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, known as Columbia Rd.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner include in his appropriation bill for 1904 a sum sufficient to allow the firemen one day off in every five.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the heads of departments employing laborers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to increase the pay of such laborers from two dollars per day, now paid, to two dollars and twenty-five cents per day.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the laborers double pay for Sunday and the nights they worked clearing the streets of snow.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of James E. Toomey, for leave to project two bay windows from building 120-122 Chelsea St., corner Porter St., Wd. 2, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 1, at 3 P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SIDEWALK AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

A schedule was received from the Superintendent of Streets of the cost of constructing sidewalks, with granite edgestones, in front of certain estates on Charles St., Wd. 20, amounting to \$2164.46, with an order—that the persons named in the within schedule be, and they hereby are, charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the cost of constructing sidewalks, with granite edgestones, in front of their estates, on said street, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Order passed.

OLYMPIA AMUSEMENT COMPANY—DAMAGES.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,
Street Commissioners' Office,
City Hall, January 14, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.
Gentlemen:—The enclosed petition of the Olympia Amusement Company for compensation for damages to its leasehold estate at the corner of Sixth and Q Sts., South Boston is respectfully returned to your Board. The change of grade which caused the alleged damage was made under the authority of an order of your Board, and this Board has no authority to settle the damages.

Very respectfully,

James A. Gullivan,
Chairman pro tem.

(Enclosed was the petition referred to.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ACCEPTANCE OF RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Co. of the acceptance of order approving certain routes of fifth location.

Placed on file.

LICENSES.

Chairman DOYLE submitted minors' licenses of 207 newsboys, 10 bootblacks and six vendors.

Severally approved by the Board.

HIBERNIAN PARADE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel by vehicles, except United States mail, fire, police, and ambulance

wagons, the following named streets, on Thursday, March 17, 1904, during the hours stated, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians:—

Between 12 m. and 1 p.m., for the formation:—

Arlington St., between Beacon and Boylston.

For the parade, between 1 and 4 o'clock p. m., Beacon St., from Arlington, School St., Washington St., south of Dover St., Dover St. to Dorchester Ave., Dorchester Ave. to Broadway, Broadway to G St., G St. to Thomas Park, where the parade will be dismissed.

Passed.

NECESSARY WORK ON SUNDAYS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested by this Board to issue a general order permitting horseshoers and blacksmiths to work on Sundays during the present winter season, for the purpose of properly shoeing or sharpening the shoes of horses as a measure of safety against slippery pavements.

Passed.

FULL TIME FOR PARK EMPLOYEES

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to place men now employed on half time back on full time.

Passed. Sent down.

PERMANENT BASIS FOR PARK EMPLOYEES.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to place all laborers in their employ on a permanent basis.

Passed. Sent down.

WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of \$100,000 for the completion of the Wd. 9 playground.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, KING AND ADAMS STS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along King and Adams Sts., Wd. 24, in front of the Mary Hemenway school; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3:44 o'clock p. m., on motion of Ald. Kneeland, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4:59 o'clock p.m.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1.) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:—

Goodwin & Wester (petition referred to-day), to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with ropes attached, on Pitts St., at or near No. 32, Wd. 8, for use during the

erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston.

Estate of James M. Little (petition referred Jan. 11), to place, maintain and use an 18-inch coal hole opening, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate 74 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, orders severally passed.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition (referred today) of the Temporary Home for Jewish Children, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of Jan. 24, 1904—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.) submitted a report on the petition of Patrick Bowen & Co. (referred today), for leave to project three signs at 2-4 West Canton St., Wd. 12—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Hennessey, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5:03 p.m., on motion of Ald. Whelton, to meet on Monday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, January 21, 1903.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the Chair desires at this time to announce the appointment of the committees. In connection with the appointments I desire to say one word in my own behalf, knowing that I cannot satisfy even a majority of the members. There are practically five committees which have any active work to do—The Committees on Appropriations, Printing, Buildings, Claims and Finance. Those committees allow to the majority party in the neighborhood of twenty-eight places; to the minority party, in the neighborhood of twelve places. I have given the places on the active committees to the second year members of the majority party, and, likewise, I have given the places among the minority party to those who are serving their second or third terms. I naturally had a great many requests for appointment on the Committees on Finance, Buildings and Printing, but I could not comply with them all. I simply had to figure it out as best I could. I must admit that I did not get much consolation from any of the members themselves, and I have simply given them out as I have, making the only test seniority, and trying to distribute them in an equitable manner.

The President read the list of committee appointments, as follows:—

Joint Standing Committees.

Appropriations—Dolan, McMackin, McDonald (4), Simms, Foley, Brazzell, Abbott, Cadogan.

Art Department—Abbott, Stalker, Bradley, Conway (3), Eagan, Maynard, Gleason, Price.

Assessing Department—Barrett, Foley, McKnight, Moynihan, Kelley, Collins (12), Cook, Dalton.

Auditing Department—Crowley (7), Conboy, Graumann, Fitzgerald (3), Gethro, Callahan, Bell, Simms.

Bath Department—Colbert, McKinney, Gleason, Hanley, McDonald (4), Pierce, Cook, Higgins.

Building Department—McGonagle, Wood, Gethro, Graumann, Fay, Callahan, Fitzgerald (5), Reagan.

Cemetery Department—Dolan, McDermott, Barry, Coughlin, Leavitt, McKie, Warner, Driscoll.

City Clerk Department—Mancovitz, Drummond, Callahan, Carter, Driscoll, Harrington, Higgins, MacLoud.

City Messenger Department—Moynihan, McKinney, Ewell, Collins (4), Hourin, Pierce, Richardson, Williams.

Claims—Mancovitz, Collins (4), Patterson, Ewell, Fitzgerald (3), Williams, Drummond, Bell.

Clerk of Committees Department—Brazzell, Cadogan, Craig, Crowley (2), Dalton, Lacey, Patterson, Mackenzie.

Collecting Department—McKinney, McKirdy, Murray, Sullivan (9), McGonagle, Wood, Simms, Price.

Election Department—Spillane, Sullivan (15), McDonald (4), Mackenzie, Jepson, McKie, Richardson, Graumann.

Engineering Department—Grady, Good, Fay, Craig, Colman, Abbott, Bell, Cook.

Finance—McDermott, Barrett, Conway (23), Stalker, Carter, Lacey, Maynard, Spillane, McKnight, Colman.

Fire Department—McDonald (16), Mackenzie, Hanley, Fitzgerald (5), Eagan, Lacey, Leavitt, Wood.

Health Department—Bradley, Barry, Crowley (2), Good, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, MacLoud.

Hospital Department—Craig, Crowley (7), Driscoll, Ewell, Collins (12), Colbert, Abbott, Bell.

Institutions Departments—Conway (23), McDonald (4), Driscoll, Cadogan, Gleason, Pierce, Warner, Higgins.

Lamp Department—Gethro, McKirdy, Newton, Coughlin, Crowley (7), McKie, Patterson, Pierce.

Legislative Matters—Colman, Cadogan, Coughlin, Conboy, Carter, Lacey, Dalton, Ferber.

Library Department—Ewell, Fay, McMackin, Mackenzie, Driscoll, MacLoud, Harrington, Conboy.

Market Department—Newton, McDonald (16), Drummond, Conway (3), McDonald (4), Harrington, Pierce, Price.

Music Department—Rachkowsky, Reagan, Spillane, Stalker, Warner, Jepson, Kelley, Harrington.

Ordinances and Law Department—McDermott, Barrett, Fitzgerald (3), Crowley (2), Sullivan (9), Harrington, Higgins, Ferber.

Overseeing of the Poor Department—Rachkowsky, Sullivan (15), Barry, Sullivan (9), Gleason, Warner, Williams, Richardson.

Park Department—Fitzgerald (5), Reagan, Murray, Collins (4), Kelley, Leavitt, Cook, Price.

Police—McDermott, Murray, Hourin, Rachkowsky, Sullivan (15), Dalton, Higgins, Ferber.

Printing—Conway (3), Grady, Leavitt, Crowley (7), Richardson, Bradley, McKirdy, McDonald (16).

Public Buildings Department—Colbert, Brazzell, Murray, Collins (12), Hourin, Ferber, Cook, Pierce.

Public Grounds Department—Kelley, Leavitt, Crowley (2), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Collins (4), Simms, Price.

Public Lands—Barry, Cadogan, Coughlin, Craig, Driscoll, Warner, McKie, McMackin.

Registry Department—Good, Grady, Brazzell, Colbert, Drummond, MacLoud, Patterson, Williams.

Schools and Schoolhouses—Mavnard, Sullivan (9), Foley, Hanley, Dalton, Good, Graumann, Harrington.

Statistics Department—Collins (4), McKinney, Cook, Eagan, Hourin, Bell, Higgins, Richardson.

Street Department—Craig, Crowley (2), Ewell, Eagan, Hourin, Simms, Patterson, Abbott.

Street Laying-Out Department—Moynihan, Drummond, Murray, Fitzgerald (3), Mancovitz, Pierce, Higgins, Harrington.

Treasury Department—Cadogan, McKinney, McKie, Rachkowsky, Newton, Stalker, Warner, Reagan.

Vessels and Ballast Department—Bradley, Coughlin, Fay, McKinney, Murray, Lacey, Dalton, Williams.

Water Department—Fitzgerald (5), Wood, Dolan, Mackenzie, Barry, Moynihan, Price, Simms.

Weights and Measures Department—Hourin, Spillane, Jepson, Rachkowsky, Sullivan (15), Leavitt, Richardson, MacLoud.

Wire Department—Crowley (2), Coughlin, McMackin, Foley, Reagan, Graumann, Abbott, McKnight.

Joint Special Committees.

Evacuation Day—Colman, Drummond, Brazzell, Bradley, Reagan, Newton, Sullivan (15), Driscoll, Moynihan, Coughlin.

July Fourth—The President, Councilmen McKie, Colbert, Eagan, Cadogan, Fitzgerald (5), McMackin, McDermott, McKirdy, Sullivan (9), Ferber, Simms, Ewell, Moynihan, Drummond, Sullivan (15), Coughlin, Grady, Barrett, Kelley, Leavitt, Warner, Hanley, Jepson, Higgins, Barry.

June Seventeenth—Collins, Fitzgerald (5), Conway (3), Cadogan, Murray, Fitzgerald (3), McDonald (4), Eagan, Dolan.

Labor Day—Drummond, Crowley (2), Price, Mackenzie, Driscoll, Cook, Craig, Harrington.

Mayor's Address—Barrett, Dalton, Moynihan, Gleason, Graumann.

Memorial Day—Fay, Eagan, Crowley (7), Collins (4), Moynihan, Harrington, Cook, MacLoud.

Patriots' Day—McGonagle, McMackin, Rachkowsky.

Rules and Orders—Dolan, Colbert, Eagan, Sullivan (9), Barry, Wood, Warner, Higgins.

Standing Committees.

Judiciary—Colman, Ferber, Crowley (2).
Elections—Barrett, Conboy, Wood, Good, Lacey.

Special Committees.

Badges—Spillane, Newton, Stalker.
Rules and Orders—Dolan, McDonald (4), Moynihan, Lacey, Price.

ADDITIONAL POLICE AT STA. 10.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 21, 1904.
To the Common Council:
I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police stating that in accordance with your request, the Board has increased the number of patrolmen assigned for duty at Station 10.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston—Police Department.
Office of the Board of Police.

Jan. 14, 1904.
Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston, City Hall, Boston.
My dear Sir:—

I am directed by the Board of Police to return the enclosed order passed by the Common Council asking an increase of the police at Station 10, with the information that with the assignments which were made yesterday, Station 10 now has a proper complement of men, and we trust that police matters in that division will be found perfectly satisfactory.

Yours very truly,
Wm. H. H. Emmons, Chairman.
Placed on file.

FIRE ALARM BOX, McLEAN ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., January 21, 1904.
To the Common Council:
I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order requesting a report upon the advisability of placing a keyless fire alarm box in the vicinity of the corner of McLean and Chambers Sts.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner,
Bristol St., Boston.

January 21, 1904.
His Honor, Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Sir:—Replying to the communication from the Honorable. The Common Council, January 14th, I would respectfully report that, in my opinion, the vicinity of McLean and Chambers Sts. is already well protected, the Massachusetts General Hospital and schoolhouses being supplied with private boxes, while the public boxes are only some 750 feet distant in two directions.

Your obedient servant,
H. S. Russell, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

UNION MUSICIANS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., January 21, 1904.
To the Common Council:
I transmit herewith a communication from the Music Department in answer to your order asking them "to employ only union musicians and to submit their names to the Musicians' Union."

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Music Department,
Office of the Trustees, 64 Pemberton Sq.
January 18, 1904.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor.
Dear Sir:—In reference to an order passed by the Common Council at its meeting of Jan. 14, "that the Music Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to employ only Union musicians and to submit their names to the Musicians' Union," I have the honor to report that all the musicians now employed by this Department are members of the Musicians' Union." Respectfully yours,

Charles T. Dolan, Chairman.
Placed on file.

NEW UNDERGROUND CONVENIENCE STATION ON COMMON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 19, 1904.
To the Common Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order, asking for an estimate of the cost of constructing an underground convenience station on Boston Common, at or near the junction of Boylston and Tremont Sts.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Engineering Department,
50 City Hall.
Jan. 19, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Sir:—In compliance with the order of the Common Council "That His Honor the Mayor request the City Engineer to furnish the estimated cost of constructing an underground convenience station at, or near, the junction of Boylston and Tremont Sts., on Boston Common," an estimate has been made, and I find that the cost of constructing an underground convenience station as proposed would be \$17,000.00.

Yours respectfully,
William Jackson, City Engineer.
Placed on file.

ABOLITION OF LAMP DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 21, 1904.
To the City Council:—
I respectfully renew the recommendations made in my messages of Sept. 15, 1902, and Jan. 19, 1903, for the passage of an ordinance, a draft of which I herewith append, extinguishing the Lamp Department as a separate establishment and imposing the duties heretofore performed by the Superintendent of Lamps upon the Superintendent of Streets. This does not create a new division of the Street Department, but simply adds the care of lamps to the other duties directly discharged by the Superintendent of Streets.

The change proposed is in the direction of a more efficient administration, as well as in the interest of economy and the saving of needed office room.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

An Ordinance Relating to Lamps.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section 1. Chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby

amended by inserting at the end of section one thereof the following: "Said Superintendent shall cause lamps to be placed in such locations in the streets and public places as the Board of Aldermen shall order, and in such other locations, except in or upon buildings, as the Board or officer having charge of the location shall order, and shall cause all lamps heretofore or hereafter placed in such locations and all property of the city used in connection with such lamps to be kept in good repair, and the lamps to be lighted by such methods of lighting and during such hours as the Board or officer ordering the same shall from time to time direct."

Section 2. The words "The Superintendent of Lamps" in chapter two of said Revised Ordinances on page eight, and the words "The Superintendent of Lamps, thirty-five hundred dollars" in chapter three of said Revised Ordinances on page fifteen, are hereby stricken out, and chapter twenty-two of said Revised Ordinances is hereby repealed.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Notice of announcement of appointments on Joint Standing and Joint Special Committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen.

Placed on file.

2. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to place the men now employed on half-time on full time.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to place all laborers in their employ on a permanent basis.

Passed in concurrence.

HOLIDAY—EVACUATION DAY.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the regular sessions of the public schools to be suspended on Thursday, Mar. 17, 1904, and that exercises commemorative of Evacuation Day be held in the schools in place of the same.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. DRUMMOND offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday without loss of pay on Thursday, Mar. 17, 1904, Evacuation Day, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

Passed. Sent up.

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Mr. DRUMMOND offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the appropriation bill a special amount of fifty thousand dollars for the removal of snow.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

WD. 25 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to change the lamps on Wexford St., Wd. 25, to Welsbach naphtha lamps.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a catch-basin at the corner of Warren St. and Woodstock Ave., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a Welsbach naphtha lamp on Eastburn Pl., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO APPEAR.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the Committee on Cities, of the General Court, on Tuesday, January 26, 1904, at 10.30 A.M., and advocate bills accompanying petitions of William H. Woods, viz.:—

House Bill 103—"An act to authorize the City of Boston to pension certain employees."

House Bill 143—"An act relative to legislation affecting the City of Boston."

Passed. Sent up.

COST OF TELEPHONES.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the City Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit in writing a detailed answer to the following questions at the next meeting of the City Council:—

1. How many telephones are used in the various departments of the City of Boston?

2. How many are measured service, how many unlimited service?

3. What is the amount of overcharge, or extra toll on the various telephones, both measured and unlimited service, in all the departments of the City, if any?

4. What is the nature of the contracts made with the telephone company, whether at a lower rate than usually given to outside subscribers?

5. What was the entire cost of telephone service, both measured and unlimited, including extra toll for the year 1903, in all the departments of the city, and how does it compare in amount with the year 1902?

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, I rise to say at this time that, in presenting that order, I do not desire to go into personal matters, but a number of people have asked such questions, and I feel that they should be answered by the City Auditor. Besides, I feel that the taxpayers of the city of Boston should know the amount paid annually for the use of telephones by the different departments of the city and also the contracts made. My order speaks for itself, however, and I need not take up your time in explaining it. We are all desirous of seeing that the taxpayers get their money's worth under any contracts which are entered into by the city, and especially those made with a large corporation. Therefore, I hope that my order will pass, and I ask for a suspension of the rules.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I rise at this time to a question of personal privilege. I was very disagreeably surprised, on perusing the records of last Thursday's meeting in The Advertiser, to find that on that very important order appropriating \$1,000,000 for sewerage works I was recorded as being "absent or not voting." I hoped at the time that the record, as kept by the Clerk of the Common Council, would place me in a proper light, and I repaired to his office with the hope that such would be the case; but I was very disagreeably surprised to find that his record agreed with that in The Advertiser. From evidence which I have secured since, I am satisfied that I inadvertently voted in answer to the name of Mr. Crowley of Wd. 2. He was recorded, when, as a matter of fact, I voted; so I desire to have these facts placed on the record now—and particularly so at this time, in view of the fact that the "Goo Goos" are scrutinizing so very closely the roll-calls in the Council meetings.

COURT FACILITIES.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 called up No. 4, assignment, viz.:—

4. Ordered, That a special committee be appointed, to consist of five members of the Common Council and such number as the Board of Aldermen may join, to consider and prepare plans for providing adequate facilities for the Supreme, Superior, Probate, and Municipal Courts holding sessions in Boston.

Passed. Sent up.

SIDEWALK, NORTH MEAD ST.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a brick sidewalk on North Mead St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Mayor.

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 4 offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor Day.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider the applications for money for memorial purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, and to make an apportionment for said purpose.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of three members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Patriots' Day.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDONALD offered an order—That a Joint Special Committee, to consist of ten members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Evacuation Day.

Passed. Sent up.

SHOWER BATHS—M-STREET PLAYGROUND.

Mr. DRISCOLL of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to keep the shower baths at M-St. Playground, Wd. 14, open from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. every day.

Referred to the Mayor.

SHELTER—BATTERY ST. STATION.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a suitable shelter for the convenience of passengers alighting from and waiting for the cars of said Company at the terminus of its tracks on Battery St., at the Boston side of the East Boston North Ferry.

Referred to the Mayor.

PENSIONING OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for such legislation as is necessary to enable the City to pension all employees of the City receiving less than \$3 per day who have been in the employ of the City for more than twenty years, or who have become incapacitated while in the employ of the city.

Passed. Sent up.

USE OF MAIN ST. CROSSING.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Railroad Commissioners to cause the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation to refrain from using the crossing on Main St., Charlestown, between 6.30 and 8.30 A.M. and 4.30 and 7.30 P.M.

Passed. Sent up.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIVISION ST.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Division St., Wd. 12.

Passed. Sent up.

ACCEPTANCE OF MAIDEN LANE.

Mr. CONBOY of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Maiden Lane, Wd. 17.

Passed. Sent up.

PAY FOR TEAMS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to allow \$4.00 per day for single teams and \$6.00 per day for double teams and watering carts employed in the service of the Street Department of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

VACATION FOR LABORERS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all heads of departments to give to all laborers and mechanics in their departments, who have worked one year or more, two weeks' vacation without loss of pay.

Referred to the Mayor.

SHELTER AT CITY SQUARE.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council, the Boston Elevated Railway Company would confer a great favor on its numerous patrons who are obliged to take surface cars at the transfer station in City Square, Charlestown, if it would provide a suitable shelter in that locality to protect said patrons from the inclemency of the weather while waiting for the cars.

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Passed.

FIRE BRIGADE—DEPARTMENT STORES.

Mr. McKIRDY of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such steps as may be necessary to induce the proprietors of the large department stores to maintain a fire brigade composed of their own employees and that he be further requested to furnish such assistance as may be necessary to properly drill such brigades.

Passed. Sent up.

BRANCH LIBRARY, ASHMONT.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent on Finance be requested to provide, in the first loan bill, a sum sufficient for the establishment of a branch of the Public Library at Ashmont, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

COST OF PAVING WESTERN AVENUE.

Mr. BARRY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of paving Western Ave., Wd. 25, from the Watertown line to the Cambridge line.

Referred to the Mayor.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 25.

Mr. BARRY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of ninety thousand dollars for a municipal building, to include an indoor bath and gymnasium, in Wd. 25.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ARC LIGHTS, DARTMOUTH ST.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Acting Supt. of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place two (2) arc lights on the Dartmouth St. bridge in Wd. 10.

Passed, under suspension. of the rule. Sent up.

MORE CARS ON DORCHESTER AVE.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to run more cars on Dorchester Ave. between 6 A.M. and 8.30 A.M., and 5 and 7 P.M.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATHING AT MCKENZIE'S BEACH.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill the sum of \$5000 for temporary bathing facilities at McKenzie's Beach, Wd. 16.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

ACCIDENTS ON ELEVATED.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Boston Elevated Railway Company to inform this body what provision is made for the safety of the public in case of an accident to the motorman on the elevated trains while the train is in motion.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I have often wondered, in case of an accident such as is liable to happen to the man who is at the head of a train on the elevated structure—if, for instance, he should be attacked with some sickness or disease which would for the time being incapacitate him from doing his duty—whether or not the train would go along and run around the circle, perhaps, until such time as some means were taken to control it. I don't know whether or not the elevated railroad has any system whereby the people on a train of that kind, under such conditions, are protected. For that reason I ask for this information, if it is possible for us to get it, because I believe there should be some contrivance to protect people who are on that train in case of such an accident as I have stated. Perhaps there is some such contrivance. I presume the elevated railroad may have such; but I have been unable to find out from my own personal observation, and from inquiry among people I thought would be in a position to know, whether or not such is the

fact, whether there is such provision for the safety of the traveling public.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations include in the appropriation bill the sum of \$50,000 to be expended for street improvements in Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. CONWAY offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to specify in the appropriation bill, under the head of "Street Improvements," the amounts to be expended in each ward of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LIGHT, NORTHAMPTON STREET.

Mr. MacLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light on Northampton St., at a point between Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASINS, WARD 22.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a catch-basin at the corner of Centre and Penryth Sts.; also a catch-basin in front of 177 Centre St., in Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

ABOLITION OF SCHOOLHOUSE CUSTODIAN.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to abolish the office of Schoolhouse Custodian, as it is unnecessary and a great expense to the city.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, in regard to that order I wish to say a few words. You all know that the office referred to was created about three years ago. The man who now holds the office of custodian of schoolhouses was elected as a member of the School Committee, and was serving his term of office. While so serving, he was instrumental in having this office created, and he afterwards resigned to fill this position. Now, there is a law in this state against any member of the legislature taking a position that is created while he is in office, other than one that is voted for by the people. That act reads this way:

"No member of the General Court shall, during the term for which he is elected, be eligible to any office under the authority of the Commonwealth created during such term, except an office to be filled by vote of the people."

Now, gentlemen, I want to ask you if this is not a similar case. I think it is inconsistent with good public spirit to do as this man did. Besides, one of the first actions of this man after he had been appointed was to start out and cut down the pay of the poor scrubwomen—women who were perhaps struggling in life to support three or four fatherless children. Another act of his was to send out an order to the janitors of the different schoolhouses, requesting them, or demanding that they measure the floors of the different rooms of the school building, and also give the dimensions of each pane of glass in the windows of the school buildings. By their doing as he directed, they were deprived of a week's vacation. Now, gentlemen, I think that a man of this type may be termed a tyrant to labor. The city of Boston has got to pay that salary, and for that reason I think the office should be abolished. It will be a saving to the city, because previous to the creation of

this position, the work, as I know from personal knowledge, was carried on far better than it is today. I hope and trust, Mr. President, that this order will be passed; and I ask for a suspension of the rules, that the order may go upon its passage tonight, because on next Thursday night comes up the question of reappointing the man who is now holding that office.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I move that the order be referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion to suspend the rules takes precedence.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, and the order was referred to the Committee on Schools and Schoolhouses, under the rules.

Later in the session, Mr. Hourin moved a reconsideration of the reference of the matter to the Committee.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Mr. Hourin doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, and the motion was lost, nine members voting in the affirmative, 27 in the negative.

COMBINED STATE AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council, at the next meeting, an estimate of the expense to the City of the municipal primary and election; what the additional expense would be if the state and municipal

primaries were held on the same day and the state and municipal elections were held on the same day; and what the City would save if these changes were made.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM SIGNAL, CITY SQUARE.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to restore the sounding of the fire-alarm signal in City Square, Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

WIDENING OF CHELSEA ST.

Mr. MURRAY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing an appropriation sufficient to provide for the widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, from City Square to Bunker Hill St.

Passed. Sent up.

HANDBALL COURT, MASS. AVE. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to include in their appropriation a sum sufficient for the erection of a temporary wooden hand-ball court on the Massachusetts-Avenue Playground, Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Newton of Wd. 13, at 8.58 P.M., to meet on Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7.45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 25, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

REORGANIZATION OF LAW DEPT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Jan. 25, 1904.

To the City Council:

For some years past it has been manifest that the Law Department of the city needs reorganization and strengthening. In that feeling I fully shared before taking the office of Mayor, and during my first term the conviction became absolute that a change of structure had become an imperative necessity in order to meet the greatly increased demands upon the department. Including those caused by the changed relations between the city and other public authorities, as well as the enormous growth in litigation.

On Jan. 31, 1890, there were pending for or against the city, in various courts, 348 cases. The number rose on Jan. 1, 1895, to 755. The number has progressively risen until now, when, not counting the entries of this term, the cases on the docket aggregate 1874. This volume of litigation involves millions of dollars, and the city stands to gain or lose, according to the way the cases are prepared and tried.

The office is organized and manned in practically the same way, and by practically the same number of men, as it was when the business was small and less complex. The business in volume and in character has long since outgrown the old system, and the capacity of the force as organized is inadequate to manage it with full justice to the interests of the city.

In court, counsel for the city are compelled to be ready when the cases on the list are reached, and in all important litigation they must meet as opponents the ablest members of the bar. The poorest economy that can be conceived is to so neglect the Law Department as to allow its force to enter court ill-equipped or unprepared.

It is, in my judgment both as lawyer and administrator, physically and mentally impossible for the department force to properly prepare and try the pending cases in courts of the first instance, and to effectively meet lawyers on the other side in the appellate court, even if the organization of the department were perfect.

But the organization itself is anomalous. The department has two heads, a corporation counsel and a city solicitor, with distinct, but somewhat interlacing powers and duties. How this originated, and how, by progressive steps the dual headship became what it is, need not be recited. However the sentiment which resulted finally in establishing this dual administration of a public department may be viewed, it must be patent now that the system is unscientific, wasteful of time and energy, and not justified by any advantage that can be imagined. It would be as wise, as logical, and equally as absurd, to have two city treasurers, two city auditors, two city collectors or two superintendents of streets, or two heads of any department now having one.

The first step to make the Law Department efficient for the work it is called upon to do is to place it under the control of one

official, who shall be held responsible for all the service that a law department should render to the city. To that end, I herewith transmit a draft of an ordinance, which, in effect, abolishes, after the first day of May, next, the office of city solicitor, and vests the sole management of the department in the corporation counsel.

In the draft, I have followed the language of the present ordinance in all respects, except substituting a single head for two—and slightly increasing the salary of the chief, though by no means lifting it to the level of salaries paid by corporations and others for similar services.

I earnestly recommend the passage of the ordinance as the first and principal step to unify and make efficient one of the most important departments of the city, now operating under a system that it has long since outgrown—a system that has done good work in its time, but which does not, and cannot, now serve and protect the interests of the city.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Four, An Ordinance to amend Chapters 2, 3 and 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the Law Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out, in the thirteenth line thereof, the words "The city solicitor."

Section 2. Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out, in the twenty-fourth line thereof, the words "The City solicitor, seventy-five hundred dollars;" and by striking out, in the thirty-first line thereof, after the words "The corporation counsel," the words seventy-five hundred dollars;" and inserting in place thereof the words "nine thousand dollars."

Section 3. Chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said chapter and substituting therefor the following:

"Chapter 23.

"Law Department.

"Section 1. The law department shall be under the charge of the corporation counsel, who shall furnish opinions on the law of any subject or question that may be submitted to him by the mayor, the board of aldermen or the common council, and on any subject or question relating to the discharge of their or his official duties that may be submitted to him by the school committee, by any committee of the city council, or of either branch thereof, or by four members of the board of aldermen, or by ten members of the common council, or by any officer in charge of a department of the city government; shall on application advise any officer or employee of the city on any question of law connected with the discharge of his official duties; shall, subject to the direction of the mayor, or of any standing committee of the city council having charge of matters before the general court of the Commonwealth, appear by himself or assistants as counsel for the city before the general court or before any committee thereof, when the interest or welfare of the city is directly or indirectly affected, and may, in the care of matters before the legislature expend in any year a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses of the city council; shall annually prepare and lay before the city council at the beginning of the year, a revision of the city ordinances, containing all ordinances in force on the first day of the year; shall annually prepare and lay before the board of aldermen at the beginning of the year, a revision of the regulations of the board of aldermen, containing all regulations in force on the first day of the year; shall

draft and approve the form of all written contracts; shall by himself or by the city conveyancers examine all titles to real property which the city is to acquire, and furnish without charge all deeds or other legal papers necessary for the transfer of property to or from the city which the city is required by law, or has been accustomed, to so furnish, and shall audit all bills incurred by the department; shall, subject to the direction of the mayor, institute any suit or proceeding in behalf of the city which he shall deem the interest of the city requires; shall by himself or by his assistants in the law department appear as counsel in all suits, actions, or prosecutions which may involve the rights or interests of the city, and defend the officers of the city in suits against them for their official actions, or for the performance of their official duties, or when any estate, right, privilege, interest, ordinance, act, or direction of the city is brought in question; may take such steps, and incur such expenses, for the prosecution and defence of suits as he deems necessary, the same to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses, or to such appropriation as he deems the proper one; shall examine into the settlement of a claim when requested so to do by the mayor or the head of any department, and, if he deems such settlement advantageous to the city, shall approve the same; and may settle any suit against the city when the settlement is recommended by a vote of the committee on claims, approved by the mayor provided such settlement can be effected for a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

"Section 2. No person connected with the law department shall, except as hereinbefore provided, appear in court in any case to which the city is not a party."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

Two grand jurors, viz: Joseph A. McLaughlin, Wd. 3; James A. Laidlaw, Wd. 20.

Thirty traverse jurors, First Session, Superior Civil Court, January sitting, viz:—

John J. Collins, Wd. 15; William T. McCarthy, Wd. 13; John R. Purcell, Wd. 14; Edward G. Stanley, Wd. 6; William E. Fitzgerald, Wd. 9; Richard G. Tracey, Wd. 20; Daniel McNamara, Wd. 7; John W. Drew, Wd. 19; William McCarthy, Wd. 1; Furgison F. Churchill, Wd. 15; John A. McDonald, Wd. 3; George C. Jennings, Wd. 24; George F. Henry, Wd. 11; J. Edwin Freudenberger, Wd. 25; Thomas F. Mulvey, Wd. 23; Edward Hanrahan, Wd. 13; Robert A. Barnett, Wd. 24; William H. Gleason, Wd. 21; John E. Olson, Wd. 24; Sidney F. Squires, Wd. 10; Michael Mahoney, Wd. 19; James J. Wallace, Wd. 5; Augustine H. Folsom, Wd. 19; James Jansson, Wd. 2; Charles H. Gookin, Wd. 6; Alexander Young, Wd. 21; Charles F. Moore, Wd. 5; James A. Colson, Wd. 5; Patrick Brunick, Wd. 14; William A. Hall, Wd. 25.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January sitting, viz:—

Christopher R. Armstrong, Wd. 20; Jeremiah W. Allen, Wd. 16; Robert L. Goulding, Wd. 19; Richard J. McBride, Wd. 3; Frank E. Sullivan, Wd. 20; Lory D. Chapman, Wd. 4; Bernard G. Krug, Wd. 22; Daniel H. Simpson, Wd. 18; William P. Junkins, Wd. 14; Harry A. Grant, Wd. 19; Francis McCarran, Wd. 8; John J. Bench, Wd. 6; Charles H. Brown, Wd. 25; Lewis Cass, Wd. 6; Frank C. Balcom, Wd. 20; Warren L. Atwood, Wd. 21; Frederick C. Flood, Wd. 12; Harry E. Remick, Wd. 6; Frank G. Hall, Wd. 7; Frank G. Sanger, Wd. 9; Charles I. Goodrich, Wd. 19; Wales Smith, Wd. 8; Charles F. Von Schoppe, Jr., Wd. 18; William E. Suits, Wd. 21; Daniel F. Regan, Wd. 5; Joseph W. Frost,

Wd. 11; John M. Brauneis, Wd. 23; William J. Clark, Wd. 6; Michael F. Doherty, Wd. 5; William T. O'Callaghan, Wd. 11.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, January sitting, viz:—

Michael J. Cannon, Wd. 17; Joseph B. Ford, Wd. 19; James McDonald, Wd. 3; John J. McMahon, Wd. 4; Clement M. Marshall, Wd. 17; Charles H. Burk, Joseph H. Jenkins, Wd. 10; Albert C. Haley, Wd. 13; Alexander H. Gunn, Wd. 14; William J. Hartnett, Wd. 2; William H. Hunter, Wd. 17; John Myers, Wd. 5; Michael J. Harrington, Wd. 5; James T. McDermott, Wd. 16; Arthur W. Parnell, Wd. 1; William G. Chase, Wd. 10; Albert H. Sprague, Wd. 15; Alexander Moore, Jr., Wd. 14; Patrick J. O'Connor, Wd. 11; David Ziskend, Wd. 8; John J. Greene, Wd. 3; John W. Morrill, Wd. 17; Dennis A. Bresnahan, Wd. 19; Robert Isaac, Wd. 16; George H. Murray, Wd. 21; Michael W. Power, Wd. 13; Patrick M. Costello, Wd. 15.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January sitting, viz:—

Laurence Doyle, Wd. 19; Joseph E. Taylor, Wd. 21; Sidney A. Allen, Wd. 3; Fred E. Hanscom, Wd. 14; Charles S. Provost, Wd. 19; Michael Dolan, Wd. 4; Frederick G. Brown, Wd. 5; Benjamin Ellis, Wd. 22; Frank W. Damon, Wd. 14; Harry D. Hall, Wd. 21; John A. Costello, Wd. 19; Henry E. Perkins, Wd. 10; James J. Keenan, Wd. 13; William E. Cogswell, Wd. 22; Edward J. Boyle, Wd. 7; William A. Murphy, Wd. 20; Charles H. L. Brown, Wd. 19; James J. Haggerty, Wd. 18; George H. Grover, Wd. 24; John J. Rogers, Wd. 18; Frank W. Lincoln, Wd. 20; Smith W. Nichols, Wd. 24; Patrick M. McGrath, Wd. 15; Ashur Hyneman, Wd. 10; James E. Hennessey, Wd. 20; George P. Rich, Wd. 15; George W. Gregerson, Wd. 11; Patrick Fallon, Wd. 8; Arthur Beaumont, Wd. 24; John M. Hodgate, Wd. 21.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January sitting, viz:—

Max Ziegler, Wd. 19; Charles E. Trafton, Wd. 25; Edward T. Norris, Wd. 7; George A. Hartwell, Wd. 14; John H. Nay, Wd. 23; Joseph A. Tambo, Wd. 13; John J. Galvin, Wd. 24; William C. Keating, Wd. 15; Florence C. McCarthy, Wd. 21; Edwin T. Mann, Wd. 10; Joseph L. Coomes, Wd. 5; John F. Rogan, Wd. 5; Lowell A. Staples, Wd. 22; Daniel J. Walton, Wd. 20; Charles L. Shipley, Wd. 12; Joseph Bopp, Wd. 19; Henry J. Wagenfeld, Wd. 25; Henry L. Priest, Wd. 11; Edward Hanning, Wd. 5; John A. Ordway, Jr., Wd. 12; Mariano Chincariello, Wd. 9; Benjamin A. Appleby, Wd. 22; Maurice H. Hambro, Wd. 20; James A. Roberts, Wd. 14; John Francis, Wd. 3; Edward F. Pfeifer, Wd. 10; Zachariah Mode, Wd. 12; Daniel F. Gallagher, Wd. 2; John C. Tibbetts, Wd. 15.

Sixty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January sitting, viz:—

James W. O'Donnell, Wd. 5; Albert P. Bauer, Wd. 23; John F. O'Flaherty, Wd. 15; John Reding, Wd. 11; Frederick W. Breck, Wd. 5; John A. Reed, Wd. 18; Irving Nute, Wd. 12; Thomas J. Lambert, Wd. 9; William H. Fitzgerald, Wd. 15; Humphrey J. Sullivan, Wd. 20; William J. Burns, Wd. 2; Patrick J. Long, Wd. 5; William J. Mulligan, Wd. 6; Thomas F. Murphy, Wd. 3; Edward V. Murphy, Wd. 9; William A. Palmer, Wd. 17; Thomas Lawson, Wd. 15; James D. Gordon, Wd. 16; Joseph A. Turnbull, Wd. 4; James J. Haines, Wd. 17; Michael J. Truimey, Wd. 8; William A. Jones, Wd. 8; Elisha Hopkins, Wd. 10; Adolph Rothe, Wd. 10; Thomas F. Welch, Wd. 22; Thomas J. Doren, Wd. 2; Eugene P. McAuliffe, Wd. 20; John A. McGue, Wd. 13; William Kil-murry, Wd. 10; John A. Hamlin, Wd. 14; William P. Todd, Wd. 14; Edward M. Barron, Wd. 2; Walter P. Wright, Wd. 20; Joseph F. Corey, Wd. 3; William H. Murphy, Wd. 15; William O. Badger, Wd. 23; Neil F. Doherty, Wd. 3; Daniel H. Murray,

Wd. 17; John A. Ryan, Wd. 5; Franklin Mann, Wd. 3; Thomas White, Wd. 17; John H. Nichols, Wd. 20; Eugene Lynch, Wd. 21; Henry McGinnis, Wd. 15; Jeremiah F. Horrigan, Wd. 6; Joseph A. Trainer, Wd. 15; Thomas F. Scully, Wd. 23; Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Wd. 8.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January sitting, viz.:

Edmund J. Connolly, Jr., Wd. 15; Jacob Helt, Wd. 18; Michael Dever, Wd. 20; John B. Crowley, Wd. 5; William H. Coyne, Wd. 7; William H. Capithorn, Wd. 4; Homer R. Colman, Wd. 21; George C. Innis, Wd. 20; William Shedden, Wd. 21; Richard J. Hayes, Wd. 9; James Long, Wd. 22; George F. Weaver, Wd. 19; John E. Gill, Wd. 20; George O. Corthell, Wd. 21; John T. Sullivan, Wd. 15; Charles L. Birch, Wd. 24; Hans Hanson, Wd. 20; John H. Hussey, Wd. 14; George J. Carroll, Wd. 3; John F. O'Neill, Wd. 6; Patrick F. Quinn, Wd. 13; John T. Hanlan, Wd. 9; Thomas E. Kenny, Wd. 25; George P. Daly, Wd. 17; Bert Poole, Wd. 24; William H. Cary, Wd. 11; Charles A. Richardson, Wd. 1; John D. Lyons, Wd. 15; Joseph P. O'Connell, Wd. 24; Frederick H. Downey.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Feb. 1, viz.:

John A. Murphy, Wd. 5; John P. Cavanaugh, Wd. 24; William P. Dwyer, Wd. 14; Walter S. Lyons, Wd. 20; Edward F. Lennon, Wd. 16; Joseph Martin, Wd. 15; Patrick J. Connolly, Wd. 19; Joseph W. Cook, Wd. 7; Christopher Siney, Wd. 20; Lester Gibbons, Wd. 22; William Kelley, Wd. 20; Andrew Lane, Wd. 15; Daniel B. Smith, Wd. 4; Charles Emmel, Wd. 23; James E. Bowe, Wd. 14; Jacob E. Bacharach, Wd. 16; Patrick Hargrove, Wd. 13; Mark Andrews, Wd. 10; Thomas S. Kiley, Wd. 1; Edward J. Kelley, Wd. 19; Patrick O'Connor, Wd. 15; William E. Bryant, Wd. 21; Samuel Buxbaum, Wd. 12; John A. C. Kainary, Wd. 19; John J. Dolan, Wd. 25; Dennis F. Murray, Wd. 13; Thomas L. Swift, Wd. 7; Joseph Levin, Wd. 8; Joseph B. Kavanaugh, Wd. 23; John F. Buzzell, Wd. 21; James J. Doyle, Wd. 3; Patrick A. McCarthy, Wd. 6; Thomas A. Brown, Wd. 8; Joseph Mullens, Wd. 13; Joseph J. Casey, Wd. 20; Cornelius Creed, Wd. 7.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept.

J. P. O'Riorden, for leave to build a wooden addition on 364 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Guy. Farmer, four barber poles, at 4 Wapping St., Wd. 5.

Israel Fram, a pole on which to hang clothing, at 272-274 North St., Wd. 6.

Bent & Bush, a sign, at 15 School St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Marcus, a pole on which to hang clothing, at 292 North St., Wd. 6.

J. B. Hunter & Co. (two petitions) for leave to project two illuminated (electric) signs, at 60 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Frederick W. Rottman, a sign, at 8 Providence St., Wd. 7.

Isador Alter, a sign, at 839 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Burke & Co., an electric sign, at 843 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Rowe's Wharf, Proprietors of, for compensation for damage by the flooding of the cellars on said wharf on Jan. 9, 1904, by the bursting of a water main.

William Jacobs, for compensation for damage to property 233-265 Heath St., Roxbury, caused by the backing up of sewage.

Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Co., for compensation for window broken by

one of the city teams at 1 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Martin E. F. Dolan, for the recovery of \$59.18, being for a fine alleged to have been illegally imposed by the Fire Commissioner; also for the payment to him of \$230.09, being for sixty-nine days' work.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to attach wires and fixtures to eight trees on Brown Ave., J. P.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co., for the use of Faneuil Hall on February 22, 1904, afternoon and evening.

Licenses.

Rich, Harris & Charles Frohman, for a license for Arthur Herman and Fay Cusick, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Park Theatre for two weeks beginning Jan. 25, 1904.

H. H. McInnes, for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at Marine Park Hall, 839 E. Sixth St., for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Lewis C. Briggs, for license for athletic and wrestling exhibitions for one month from Jan. 25 to Feb. 25, at Criterion Club, 541 Tremont St., not more than one to be given in each week.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Annie Horgan for leave to project one bay window and a cornice over Devens St., from building No. 25 Washington St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of John T. Casey for leave to project a permanent awning at 34 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petition was given leave to withdraw.

3. On petition of C. O. L. Dillaway et als., trustees, for leave to project a marquee at the Globe Theatre, on Washington St., Wd. 7.

4. On petition of Barney Ferguson for leave to project one bay window over the corner of Dorchester and West Ninth Sts., from building No. 261 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Notice of appointments of joint standing and joint special committees on the part of the Common Council.

Placed on file.

6. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant a holiday without loss of pay on Thursday, March 17, 1904, Evacuation Day, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with, in part compensation for their services.

7. Ordered. That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the regular sessions of the public schools to be suspended on Thursday, March 17, 1904, and that exercises commemorative of Evacuation Day be held in the schools in place of the same. Severally passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing an appropriation sufficient to provide for the widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, from City Sq. to Bunker Hill St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

9. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Legislature for such legislation as is necessary to enable the city to pension all employees of the city receiving less than three dollars per day, who have been in the employ of the city for more than twenty years, or who

have become incapacitated while in the employ of the city.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

10. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Railroad Commissioners to cause the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation to refrain from using the crossing on Main St., Charlestown, between 6.30 and 8.30 A.M. and 4.30 and 7.30 P.M.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

11. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court on Tuesday, January 26, 1904, at 10.30 A.M., and advocate bills accompanying petitions of William H. Woods, viz:

House Bill 103—"An Act to authorize the City of Boston to pension certain employees."

House Bill 143—"An Act relative to legislation affecting the City of Boston."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

12. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such steps as may be necessary to induce the proprietors of the large department stores to maintain a fire brigade composed of their own employees, and that he be further requested to furnish such assistance as may be necessary to properly drill such brigades.

Passed in concurrence.

Later in the session Ald. Hennessey moved to reconsider and the order was referred, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

13. Ordered, That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place two arc lights on the Dartmouth St. bridge in Wd. 10.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Maiden Lane, Wd. 17.

15. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Division St., Wd. 12.

16. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of ten members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Evacuation Day.

17. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Patriots' Day.

18. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider the applications for money for memorial purposes, under the provisions of chapter 25 of the Revised Laws, and to make an apportionment for said purpose.

19. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of nine members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

20. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

21. Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of Labor Day.

Severally passed in concurrence.

22. Ordered, That a special committee be appointed to consist of five members of the Common Council and such number as

the Board of Aldermen may join, to consider and prepare plans for providing adequate facilities for the Supreme, Superior, Probate, and Municipal Courts, holding sessions in Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 23, unfinished business, viz:

23. Action on the appointment of Robert Kershaw to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1904, vice Robert M. McLeish, resigned.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Whelton and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

COAL DEALERS' LICENSES.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth giving a supplementary list of licenses granted to coal dealers to Jan. 1, 1904.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

A communication was received from the Superintendent of Public Grounds relative to removal of tree at 16 Parker Hill Ave., saying that the tree stood on private land and was not within the jurisdiction of the city.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from the Register of Deeds in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office for the month commencing Dec. 21, 1903, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$2212.63.

Approved by the Board.

SIDEWALK AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

Sidewalk and edgestone assessments on Homestead St., Wd. 21, and Wheatland Ave., between Washington and Kilton Sts., Wd. 24, were received from the Superintendent of Streets, and an order was passed—That the persons named in the schedules be and are hereby charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing sidewalks with granite edgestones in front of their estates on said streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Passed.

WORK ON SUNDAYS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,
Police Department,
Jan. 22, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, City Hall, Boston: Gentlemen—I am instructed by the Board of Police to acknowledge receipt of an order passed by your Honorable Board on January 18th, requesting that the Board of Police issue a general order "permitting horsehoers and blacksmiths to work on Sundays during the present winter season, for the purpose of properly shoeing or sharpening the shoes of horses as a measure of safety against slippery pavements." I am also instructed to inform you that the Legislature of this Commonwealth is the only body which can legally specify what work shall be done upon Sunday, and we do not find in the Statutes of the Commonwealth any authority for the shoeing of horses as prescribed by your order. We are also informed that many of the horsehoers do not desire to work upon Sundays

and do not consider it necessary, but would be obliged to do so in case any of them were permitted to do this work. For the reasons specified we do not feel authorized to issue the order requested by your Honorable Body. Yours very truly,
Placed on file.

ORDER OF NOTICE-AWNING.

On the petition of John T. Casey for leave to project a permanent awning at 34 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Feb. 8, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 114 newsboys, 9 boot-blacks and two vendors.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Lewis C. Briggs (referred today) for license for athletic and wrestling exhibitions for one month, from January 25 to February 25, at Criterion Club, 541 Tremont St., not more than one to be given in each week.

The rule was suspended and the license was granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Rich, Harris and Charles Frohman (referred today) for a permit for Arthur Herman and Fay Cusick, children under fifteen years of age to appear at the Park Theatre for two weeks beginning January 25, 1904—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

LIGHTING OF WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Wood Island Park, East Boston, to be properly lighted for the benefit of skaters.
Passed.

HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday to the employees of the Sewer Division on the occasion of their annual picnic as part compensation for their services.
Passed. Sent down.

EXTENSION OF LANSDOWNE ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend Lansdowne St. to Kemble St., Wd. 17.
Passed.

CLOSING OF ROADWAY.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Otter St., from Beacon St., Wd. 11, to public travel, during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements, now in progress.
Passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 4.51 P.M., on motion of Ald. Whelton, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6.23 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on order (referred today) asking the Fire Commissioner to induce proprietors of department stores to organize fire brigades—recommending that the order be amended so as to read as follows:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such steps as may be necessary to induce the proprietors of the large department stores to maintain a volunteer fire brigade composed of their own employees, and that he be further requested to furnish such assistance as, in his opinion, may be necessary to properly drill such brigades.

Report accepted, order passed as amended. Sent down.

(2) Report on order (referred today) that a joint special committee be appointed to consider and prepare plans for providing adequate facilities for the different courts holding sessions in Boston—that the same be indefinitely postponed.

Report accepted, order indefinitely postponed.

SIDEWALK ON WARREN ST.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the southerly side of Warren St., from Allston St. to Woodside Ave., Wd. 25, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CHANGING OF STREET NAME.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested by this Board to change the name of Devens St., from Rutherford Ave. to Washington St., and the name of Bow St., from Washington St. to City Sq., Charlestown, to Rutherford Ave., so that the same can take effect on the first of March of this year.
Passed.

BETTER CAR SERVICE, CHARLESTOWN.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Boston Elevated Railway Company to furnish better car service on Bunker Hill St., Charlestown.
Passed.

REMOVAL OF WIRES.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Wire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the overhead wires on Main St., Charlestown, and place the same underground.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

RESTORATION OF BELL ALARMS.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Fire Commissioner to restore the bell alarms for fire in the Charlestown district.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. President, in reference to that order I wish to state that there has been a complaint made by many of the residents of the Bunker Hill District on account of the suspension of bell alarms over there. We had a re there lately in the stable district on Rutherford Ave., where about twenty horses were burned. People over there claimed that if we had a bell alarm the horses might have been saved. There is a general com-

plaint in Charlestown on account of the suspension of the bell alarm; and, therefore, I hope the Fire Commissioner will see his way clear to restore the bell alarm system over there.

The order was passed.

LIGHTING OF STREETS.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Lamps be requested to make arrangements, if possible, with the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the lighting of the streets along the line of the elevated railway without expense to the city as part compensation for the use of the streets by said company.

Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

LOCATION OF WINTHROP STATUE.

Ald. QUIGLEY presented a petition signed by Benj. F. Stacey and very many

others, asking that the Gov. Winthrop Statue be placed in City Square, Charlestown.

In connection with the above petition, Ald. Quigley offered the following: That the Boston Art Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the Winthrop Statue to be properly located at City Square, Charlestown, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Boston Transit Commission.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board refused to reconsider all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, at 6.30 P.M., to meet on Monday, Feb. 1, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council

Thursday, Jan. 28, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

EXPENSE OF PAVING WESTERN AVE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

Enclosed is a communication from the Acting Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order asking for an estimate of the expense of paving Western Ave., Brighton.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Street Department,
City Hall.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

As per request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to report that the estimated expense of paving Western Ave., Brighton, from the Watertown line to the Cambridge line, is \$140,000.

Respectfully,

H. N. Macksey,
Acting Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

JOINT PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the saving that would result from holding the State and Municipal Primaries on the same day and the State and Municipal elections on the same day.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Board of Election Commissioners,
Old Court House,
Boston, Jan. 27, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir: In reply to the order "that the Board of Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council, at the next meeting, an estimate of the expense to the city, of the Municipal primary and election; what the additional expense would be if the State and Municipal primaries were held on the same day, and the State and Municipal elections were held on the same day, and what the city would save if these changes were made," we would respectfully submit the accompanying statement which gives the approximate expense incurred for holding primaries and elections.

It ought to be added with reference to a single primary that if the nominations appeared upon one ballot it would be necessary for the department to purchase 175 new ballot boxes at an expense of \$3,750.00. With regard to the ballot for a single election, as the ballots for the election of state officers are prepared and printed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, it would be necessary under existing laws to have the ballot for the election of city officers prepared by this department. The counting of this double set of ballots would probably require an increase in the number of election officers for each precinct. If two additional election officers were employed for each precinct the expense would be \$3,120; if four additional election officers were employed the addi-

tional expense would be \$6,240.00. These additional expenses are not included in our estimate.

It should be understood however that no account is made in the estimate of the expense of preparing and publishing the voting lists, or the division of labor so far as it relates to the regular office force in preparing for primaries and elections, as these matters form part of the general work of the office throughout the year and therefore were not deemed to be within the legitimate scope of said order.

Respectfully,

Board of Election Commissioners,
John M. Minton, Chairman.

Estimated cost of state primary
(ballots printed by the city)...\$20,000.00

Estimated cost of city primary
(ballots printed by the city)... 20,000.00

\$40,000.00

Cost of state and city primaries
held together..... 27,600.00

Saving to the city by single primary....\$12,400.00

Cost of state election (ballots
printed by the state).....\$18,000.00

Cost of city election (ballots
printed by the city)..... 20,000.00

\$38,000.00

Cost of state and city elections
held together..... 25,600.00

Saving to the city by single election.... 12,400.00

Total saving to the city.....\$24,800.00
Placed on file.

SHOWER BATHS, M-STREET
PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Jan. 27, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

Enclosed is a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order asking them to keep the shower baths at the M-Street Playground, Wd. 14, open from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. every day.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department
of Parks,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Boston, Jan. 27, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall,
Boston:—

Dear Sir—We duly received and considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting that we keep the shower baths at M Street Playground, Wd. 14, open from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. every day. We will try the experiment of keeping the baths open until 10 P.M. and see if their use warrants the expense of the extension of the hours.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN.

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of order of January 21 for a joint special committee to consider and prepare plans for providing adequate facilities for the Supreme and other courts holding sessions in Boston.

Placed on file.

2. The order passed by the Common Council Jan. 21 to request the Fire Commissioner, through the Mayor, to take such steps as may be necessary to induce the proprietors of the large department stores to maintain a (A) fire brigade composed of their own employees, and that he be further requested to furnish such assistance as (B) may be necessary to properly drill such brigades, comes down passed in concurrence, with these amendments: Insert at A "volunteer," and at B "in his opinion."

The amendments were adopted in concurrence.

3. Ordered. That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend Lansdowne St. to Kemble St., Wd. 17.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered. That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Wood Island Park, East Boston, to be properly lighted for the benefit of skaters.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered. That the Boston Art Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the Winthrop statue to be properly located at City Square, Charlestown; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Boston Transit Commission.

(The petition of Benjamin F. Stacey and others, asking for the selection of the above location and protesting against placing said statue on any other site, accompanies this order.)

The petition was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Fire Commissioner to restore the bell alarms for fire in the Charlestown district.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday to the employees of the Sewer Division on the occasion of their annual picnic, as part compensation for their services.

Passed in concurrence.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHARLESTOWN ARTILLERY.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide sixty lockers, in accordance with plans in his possession, for the use of the Charlestown Artillery, Co. A, Eighth Regiment, in the armory, corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Sts., Wd. 3; the expense, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

The rules were suspended on motion of Mr. Conway, and the order was passed.

Sent up.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WD. 19.

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to establish a branch reading and delivery room on Tremont St., between Roxbury Crossing and Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

WIDENING OF ROXBURY ST.

Mr. SPILLANE offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested to inform the Common Council at their earliest convenience what the expense would be to widen Roxbury St. to a uniform width, between Eliot Square and Elmwood Street, Wd. 19.

Passed.

BATHING FACILITIES, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be instructed to include in their first loan bill the sum of ten thousand dollars for adequate bathing facilities at Wood Island Park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPENING OF EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Mr. CROWLEY offered an order—That a joint special committee, to consist of six members of the Common Council, with

such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the opening of the East Boston Tunnel.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, the East Boston tunnel, which has been in course of construction for the past few years is now nearly completed. It seems fitting and proper that the opening of the tunnel should be marked with appropriate exercises commemorative of the event. I think upon such an occasion that a committee of the City Council should be appointed in order to make suitable arrangements, and, therefore, I trust that the order will pass.

The order was passed. Sent up.

NEW CITY HALL.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That a special committee be appointed, or, if such a committee already exists, that they be instructed to consider that portion of the Mayor's address relating to a new City Hall, and report back their recommendations.

Referred to the Committee on Mayor's address.

ARC LIGHTS, LEWIS STREET.

Mr. CROWLEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to place at least two arc lights on Lewis St., leading from South Ferry, Wd. 2.

Referred to the Mayor.

ASSISTANCE FOR TEAMS.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place at the corner of Tremont and Beacon Sts., corner of Pemberton Sq. and Tremont St., corner of Park and Tremont Sts., and at such other places around Beacon Hill as he may deem necessary, a team of horses, to help any and all teamsters who may have need of such services during such time as teaming is hard and icy; the cost of same to be paid out of the appropriation for Street Department.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, it may be considered a little out of order for me, coming from Wd. 20, to present this order; but my business is such that it causes me to go up and down Beacon St. seven or eight times a day. During the last four or five weeks I have seen the most urgent need of such action on the part of the City Council, and I think it is no more than fair to the business men of Boston, who are obliged to send their teams up on Beacon Hill, that the city should, if possible, provide some way to help them. I think a week or so ago the Superintendent of Streets did put a team of horses there, which was of great benefit to the teamsters who had occasion to haul their loads up the hill; but I think that service has been discontinued, and every day you will find teams with a heavier load than any two horses can properly carry, at the junction of those streets trying to climb that hill. It is inhuman to expect any team of horses to do the work that is required of them there. In speaking to the driver of one of those teams a few days ago, asking him why the bosses of his concern sent him up there with such a load, he said he was told that if he could not drive his horses up the hill they would find some man who could. Any fairminded man in Boston knows, with the ice as it is, how extremely difficult it is for horses to get up those hills; and it seems to me that if the Superintendent of Streets could see his way clear to have a team of horses at the junction of those streets, to help out, it would be a good, humane act on the part of the city. For that reason, Mr. President, I will ask that the rules may be suspended so that this order may go upon its passage, if it meets with the approval of the members.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed. Sent up.

WEST ROXBURY STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered the following:—

Whereas, by an act of the General Court of 1903, accepted by the City Council of the same year, entitled "An act to authorize the City of Boston to improve certain streets and to expend certain sums of money therefor," the City can borrow, outside the debt limit, \$225,000 for the improvement of Hyde Park Ave. and \$100,000 for the improvement of Brandon St. and Belgrade Ave.; and

Whereas, said improvements are of urgent necessity and should be made at once in order to meet the demands of the people of West Roxbury and the public at large,—It is therefore

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Common Council, it is expedient to push forward as rapidly as possible the work of improving the above thoroughfares, not only for the public good, but also for the purpose of enabling some of the men whose names are on the Civil Service list to find employment as laborers.

Passed.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Health, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting the names of all schoolhouses that are in an unsanitary condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council, at its next meeting, the names of all schoolhouses that have not proper exits and fire escapes in good working order.

Referred to the Mayor.

MORE CARS TO BAY VIEW.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide more cars on the Bay View line.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the snow to be removed from in front of churches of all denominations after every storm, and to keep clear the crossings in the vicinity.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEATS—STRANDWAY.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the appropriation bill the sum of \$1000 for bleachers on the Strandway playground.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

JOINT PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing the holding of State and Municipal Caucuses on the same date; and State and Municipal elections on the same date.

Passed. Sent up.

CONCERT, SHERWIN SCHOOL.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Music Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide an additional concert at the Sherwin School.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOARD OF POLICE SALARIES.

Mr. FAY offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee of the General Court having the matter in charge, and support any bill providing that the fees for dog licenses be paid into the City Treasury, and oppose any bill increasing the salaries of the members of the Board of Police.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I would like to say a great deal tonight in relation to that order, but I do not wish to detain the members at this time by any unnecessary words. The citizens of Boston today are crying out against the Police Board. It is not within our power to abolish that board; but every citizen of Boston, almost, has spoken about the abolition of that Board, and, instead of the legislature granting an increase in the salaries of the police commissioners, it should pass an act providing for the abolition of that Board. The citizens of Boston today have no authority whatever in regard to the different acts of that Board. The power is all vested in the Police Commissioners, and today we have a Police Commissioner who is acting as if he had more power than the Mayor of the City of Boston. Everything that is being done is done through him, and is done in such an authoritative way that it makes him seem larger than the Mayor of the City of Boston, and Mayor Collins seems nowhere in comparison. This gentleman receives a salary of \$4,000 a year. I cannot see where he ever earns that salary. Four thousand five hundred dollars a year may be only a fair salary for a lawyer to make, and probably Judge Emmons could make that much on the outside (laughter); but it would be more competent and better for an outsider who is not a lawyer, and who has the same ability, to receive that \$4500. Today the members of the City Government and the people throughout the city are crying out against the police board, and I think that the members of the legislature should abolish it, and not give an increase of salary to the members of a Board which the people of Boston are constantly crying against. I sincerely hope and trust that the members of the legislature will see their way clear not to give the commissioners any increase of salary.

The order was passed. Sent up.

CROSSWALK, MORELAND STREET.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause a flagstone crossing to be placed on Moreland St., at the junction of Warren St., in Wds. 17 and 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

RELOCATION OF LAMP.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the gas lamp now attached to the building numbered 38 Winthrop St., Wd. 5, and to put the said lamp in position at the Winthrop St. end of a private way, between Soley and Winthrop Sts., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOGAN MEMORIAL.

Mr. MURRAY offered an order—That the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the late Col. Fred B. Bogan; said memorial to be completed as soon as possible, and to be put in some public place in that part of Boston known as Charlestown.

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. Murray.

BELL ALARM, ARMORY BUILDING.

Mr. EAGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take such action as may be necessary to cause the bell to be replaced on the Armory Building, corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Sts., Wd. 3, and to have the hours struck thereon at 7 A.M., 12 M., and 6 P.M., and alarms rung for all fires in the Charlestown District.

Referred to the Mayor.

FLAGSTAFF AT CROSS STREET SCHOOLHOUSE.

Mr. EAGAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a flagstaff for the Old Cross St. Schoolhouse, Charlestown, in which are the quarters of the Col. Fred B. Bogan Camp, L. S. W. V.

Referred to the Mayor.

CHURCH LEAVE FOR POLICEMEN.

Mr. EAGAN offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow two hours' leave of absence to all members of the Police Department to attend church on Sundays.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUMMER BATHHOUSE AT JAMAICA POND.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to take such action as may be necessary to cause a floating bathhouse for summer use to be located on Jamaica Pond, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF BROMLEY PARK.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill the sum of \$1000 for Park Department, for the improvement of Bromley Park, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

STREET IMPROVEMENT, WARD 22.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation bill the sum of \$50,000 for ordinary street improvements in Wd. 22.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

BETTER STREET CAR SERVICE, JAMAICA PLAIN.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Boston Elevated Railway Company to furnish additional car service on the Jamaica Plain elevated line, in order to better accommodate the public, particularly between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 A.M., and 4:30 and 7 P.M., as the present service is appalling and a menace to the public health.

Referred to the Mayor.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That, when this Council adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday, February 11, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

ARE ALL FIREMEN CITIZENS?

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to report, through His Honor the Mayor, at the next meeting of this Council, whether or not all members of the Boston Fire Department are citizens of the United States.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEWER LABORERS ON PERMANENT BASIS.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to include in his next appropriation a sum of money sufficient to place the laborers of the sewer department of the City of Boston on a permanent basis.

Referred to the Mayor.

VALUABLE LIBRARY BOOKS.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested not to allow rare and valuable books to be examined, unless upon a written order from the Trustees, or in the presence of an attendant of the Library, and under no conditions to permit those books to be carried away.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

PAVING OF HEATH ST.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That the Finance Committee be requested to include in its first loan order the sum of \$40,000 for the paving of Heath St., from Parker St. to South Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS, WD. 23.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the City Council at its next meeting the probable cost of macadamizing the following streets, including the construction of sidewalks and paved, ditched gutters:—

Cornell St., between Washington and Orange Sts.
Beach St., between Washington and Granville Sts.
Metropolitan Ave., between Washington and Klitredge Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

BATH DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Wd. 14 offered the following:—

An ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the Bath Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding two new sections, as follows:—

"Section 2. Said Trustees shall make to the Mayor and City Council an annual report at the end of the year.

"Section 3. Said Trustees shall in their annual report include a statement of the expenditures and receipts of said department for the preceding year."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

DOUBLE PAY FOR STABLE EMPLOYEES.

Mr. MCKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to restore the custom of allowing double pay to employees in the stables of the Street Department, for work performed on holidays or Saturday half-holidays.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

VENTILATION OF FERRY BOATS.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council, at its next meeting, the advisability of installing some system of ventilation on the East Boston Ferry Boats, in addition to the present method of ventilation, and to

submit an estimate of the expense necessary to install such new system of ventilation as may be deemed practicable.

Referred to the Mayor.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I rise at this time to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, some of the departments of the city are rather negligent, to my mind, and delay an unreasonable amount of time in answering communications from this council. It is perhaps a matter of personal interest to me, and I think to each and every member here. It may perhaps be of personal interest to all the members before the year is out because they may all desire information relative to the interests of their various sections and wards. I think every member of the City Council has a right to obtain such information from any and all departments, when it is asked for in a proper manner. I realize the fact that several of the departments are very busy, and some of them seem to be particularly busy when questions are asked by members of this body. They seem, to my mind, to delay an unreasonable length of time in answering our communications. I have noticed in the past two years that communications going to the heads of the various departments from the Board of Aldermen are answered very quickly; but it seems to me—and personally I have had this experience—that there is an unreasonable delay by heads of departments in answering questions asked by this branch of the City Government. I myself have introduced orders asking for information from certain departments of the city and up to the present time have been unable to get that information. Mr. President and fellow members, I believe no member of the Common Council introduces an order here unless he considers that it is for the benefit of his ward, and I believe any order that comes from this branch of the City Government should receive the same immediate attention that apparently is given to orders coming from the Board of Aldermen. My colleague from Wd. 23, Mr. Price, has introduced an order here asking the Wire Department for information as to the strength of electric currents being carried through our district and through various parts of Boston by the Edison Electric Company. Up to the present time I don't think we have received any information. That is a matter that is of vital importance to the wellbeing of the people of Wd. 23, at least, and it is certainly in the interest of the safety of the members of the Boston Fire Department, if of nobody else, that the matter should be looked into. I certainly hope that they will not have the experience of coming in contact with that current. I am told that there are several thousand volts of current carried through the streets of Boston for the purpose of supplying electricity to other towns, and it seems to me we should at least have information from the proper authorities as to what the strength of that current is. I have also asked for opinions—for one in particular, that is of vital importance to my district from the Law Department, as to whether or not the Boston Elevated Railway Company is compelled to give to the school children of that part of the city special rates of car fare over its lines to the nearest high school. That opinion, Mr. President, has not up to the present time been

forthcoming. I have asked for some information from the Park Department as to the cost, or approximate cost, of a playground in another part of Wd. 23, the information being desired by the citizens of that district, and up to the present time the Board of Park Commissioners have been either unable or unwilling—I know not which—to give that information.

I have asked for information from the Building Commissioner and up to the present time we have received none. I don't know whether or not he is able to give the information to us. In other matters it has been the same way. It has been my unfortunate experience, Mr. President and fellow members, to have information upon matters of that kind delayed, to have communications unanswered, until the purpose of asking for the information has been destroyed because of not being able to get the information in time. I believe, Mr. President and fellow members, that each and every member of this branch of the City Government should obtain answers within a reasonable time from any and all departments of the city if it is in their power to give the information desired. If it is not, I believe we should be so informed. We are here as the representatives of the various wards of the City of Boston, each of us trying as well as he can to do his duty, and the introduction of orders asking for information is, to my mind, one of the purposes for which we are sent here. I believe that in carrying out the instructions from our various constituencies we are only doing what we are sent here for; and, as far as my district is concerned, I propose to get the information I ask for from any and all departments, if it is possible for me to get it. If it is not possible, I want to know it; and if the information is not forthcoming—and I do not propose to ask for any information that is not reasonable, that is not for the benefit of my district or for the benefit of the city as a whole,—I propose to know the reason why. I feel that in so acting I am acting in the interest of the people of my district particularly, and in the interest of the citizens of Boston in general; and I certainly hope that upon these matters the heads of departments will give us the same consideration—I may be wrong in imagining that they do not—that the members of the Board of Aldermen get. This branch of the City Government has had may of its powers taken away; but we still have a right to obtain proper information in a proper way from the heads of departments, to assist us in the performance of our duty, in trying to protect the interests of our people in the various wards and to act for the welfare of the citizens of the City of Boston in general.

REMOVAL OF LAMP, HENLEY ST.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have unused lamp-post removed from in front of 71 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

COST OF COLLECTION OF OFFAL.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the members of the City Council with an estimate of the cost of collecting the offal in the East Boston district, same to be done by city employees.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, 8:52 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Fay of Wd. 18, to meet on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Messages received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz:—

(1) Hugh J. Quinn (717 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12), a Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke or Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1904, in place of Edward Callahan, deceased.

(2) George W. Partington (249 Saratoga St.), a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1904.

(3) William Kimball (36 Cliff St.) and John McKinnon (130 Webster St.) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

North End Dispensary, an illuminated sign, at 34 Charter St., Wd. 6.

Ottavio Brogi & Co., an illuminated sign, at 200 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Frank Delano, an illuminated sign, at 26 School St., Wd. 7.

George O. Fogg, an illuminated sign, at 335 Washington St., Wd. 7.

H. Swartz, a sign, at 15 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Elliot Lighting Co., one gas arc lamp, at 398 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

C. Silverman, a sign, at 324 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Carl D. Willson, a watch sign, at 104 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Blue Hill Mineral Water Co., two signs, at 267 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Thomas F. Coffey, illuminated sign, 36 Wendell St., Wd. 7.

Isaac Dubzansky, sign, 1502 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to relocate one pole on Border St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect two poles on Amherst St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect three poles on Harvard Ave., Wd. 25.

Faneull Hall, etc.

The Music Trustees, for the use of Faneull Hall, on the evening of February 23, 1904.

Licenses.

First Corps Cadets, M. V. M., Dramatic Committee, for a permit for Florence Williams and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Tremont Theatre for the week beginning Feb. 1, 1904.

Public Improvements.

E. Noyes Whitcomb, for leave to erect guy posts in St. Paul and Norway Sts., Wd. 10.

Richmond Street Stable Co., for permission to allow their sleighs to remain in

front of their stable, 91-97 Richmond St., when changing from wagons to sleighs.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of James E. Toomey for leave to project two bay-windows from building 120-122 Chelsea St., Wd. 2, one window over Chelsea St. and one over the corner of Chelsea and Porter Sts.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

2. Ordered. That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation authorizing the holding of state and municipal caucuses on the same date; and state and municipal elections on the same date.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

3. Ordered. That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide sixty lockers, in accordance with plans in his possession, for the use of the Charlestown Artillery, Co. A, Eighth Regiment, in the armory, corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Sts., Wd. 3; the expense, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place at the corner of Tremont and Beacon Sts., corner of Pemberton Sq. and Tremont St., corner of Park and Tremont Sts., and at such other places around Beacon Hill as he may deem necessary, a team of horses to help any and all teamsters who may have need of such services during such time as teaming is hard and icy; the cost of the same to be paid out of the appropriation for Street Department.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to restore the custom of allowing double pay to employees in the stables of the Street Department for work performed on holidays or Saturday half-holidays.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

6. Ordered. That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested not to allow rare and valuable books to be examined, unless upon a written order from the Trustees, or in the presence of an attendant of the library, and under no conditions to permit those books to be carried away.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered. That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the committee of the General Court having the matter in charge, and support any bill providing that the fees for dog licenses be paid into the city treasury, and oppose any bill increasing the salaries of the members of the Board of Police.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

8. Ordered. That a joint special committee, to consist of six members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the opening of the East Boston tunnel.

Passed in concurrence.

9. An Ordinance to amend chapter seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, relative to the Bath Department.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:—

Chapter seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1893 is hereby amended by adding two new sections, as follows:—

Sect. 2. Said Trustees shall make to the Mayor and City Council an annual report at the end of the year.

Sect. 3. Said Trustees shall in their an-

nual report include a statement of the expenditures and receipts of said department for the preceding year.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SIDEWALK AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

Schedules of sidewalk and edgestone assessments on Whittier and other streets were received from the Superintendent of Streets, and an order was passed—That the persons named in the schedules be and are hereby charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the cost of constructing sidewalks, with granite edgestones, in front of their estates on said streets, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

Passed.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The Constable's bond of Thomas F. Griffin was received, after having been duly approved by the City Treasurer.

Approved by the Board.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 89 newsboys, 15 boot-blacks and three vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of A. Davis Weld (referred January 18), for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Elliot Hall, Eliot St., Jamaica Plain, for the season ending August 1, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Boston Athletic Association (referred January 19), for a license for indoor games at Mechanics Building, February 13 and March 19, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of First Corps Cadets, M. V. M. (referred today), for permit for Florence Williams, et als., children under the age of 15 years, to appear at Tremont Theatre for week beginning February 1, 1904—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports on petitions (severally referred last year) for amusement licenses—that no further action is necessary, viz.:—

D. F. Comee. Exchange Hall, 789 Washington St.

South Boston Building Association, Gray's Hall, 619 Broadway.

George W. Jones, Lessee, Allerton Hall, 1234 Washington St.

New England Light Brahma Club, Faneuil Hall.

Robert C. Reid, Labor Hall, 45 Eliot St.

H. H. McInnes, Marine Park Hall, 839 East Sixth St.

Accepted.

(6) Report on message of Mayor (referred last year), vetoing amusement license to M. F. Armstrong at Coulthurst Park on Centre St., West Roxbury—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Cummins Clothing Co. (referred January 18), an illuminated and advertising sign, 825 Washington St., Wd. 7,

St. Stephen's Church (referred January 11), sign, Florence St., Wd. 9.

Frederick W. Rottman (referred January 25), sign, 8 Province St., Wd. 7.

Marget & Wolfson (referred January 11), unlettered lamp, 1219 Washington St., Wd. 9.

J. Sussman (referred January 11), sign, 9A Cunard St., Wd. 18.

C. A. Eaton (referred January 11), unlettered gas arc lamp, 80 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Domling & Deiss (referred January 18), unlettered lamp, 551 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Isador Alter (referred January 25), a sign, 839 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Burke & Co. (referred January 25), electric sign, 843 Washington St., Wd. 7.

J. B. Fewes (referred January 11), unlettered gas arc lamp, 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John M. Newton (referred January 18), unlettered lamp, 1131 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Bent & Bush (referred January 25), sign, 15 School St., Wd. 6.

Oak Hall Clothing Co. (referred January 11), sign, 105 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange (referred January 18), sign, 22 West St., Wd. 7.

Howard C. Woodbury (referred January 18), illuminated sign, 250 Washington St. and 77 Devonshire St., Wd. 6.

Weber & Fields (referred January 11), illuminated sign, 680 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Thomas F. Coffey (referred today), illuminated sign, 36 Wendell St., Wd. 7.

Edward E. Morse (referred January 18), illuminated sign, 90 Court St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project poles on which to hang clothing, etc.—That the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:—

Israel Fram (referred January 25), 272-74 North St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Marcus (referred January 25), 292 North St., Wd. 6.

H. Goldkrand (referred January 18), 293 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

AMOUNT OF WATER REVENUE RECEIVED.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this Board at the earliest possible date the amount of revenue received from water from each ward; also that he report the number of buildings in each ward that are metered, as well as the classification of the same, and the amount of revenue derived from the metered buildings by wards; and that he be further requested to inform this Board of the amount of revenue received by the city by wards, from buildings which are not metered.

Passed.

BELLS ON HOLIDAYS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause the bells to be rung at eight o'clock A. M., noon and sunset, on Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day, Patriots' Day, Seventeenth of June, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREE, DORCHESTER AVENUE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a decayed tree now standing in the sidewalk in front of 944 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20; the expense at-

tending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

YARD OF DORCHESTER HIGH.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested to prepare plans for remedying the present deplorable condition of the Dorchester High Schoolhouse yard, and to cause the said schoolhouse grounds to be graded at the earliest possible moment, the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation already made for that purpose.

Passed. Sent down.

FREE BOATS ON JAMAICA POND.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to allow the use of pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond, independent of the ones now in the hands of the party or parties which receive the privilege from the Park Commissioners, and that the said boats be allowed on the pond free of charge and under such restrictions as the Park Commissioners may deem fit to impose.

Passed. Sent down.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Massachusetts Minute Men of 1861 (referred January 18), on April 15, from 12 M. to 5 P.M.

Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters (referred January 2), day and evening of April 27, 1904.

Central Labor Union (referred January 11), on February 7, 1904, from two to seven P.M.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co. (referred January 25), on February 22, afternoon and evening.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co. (referred January 11), June 4, 5 and 6, 1904.

The Music Trustees (referred today), on the evening of February 23, 1904.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3.41 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.10 o'clock P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted a report on the petition of E. Noyes Whitcomb (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to E. Noyes Whitcomb to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached

thereto, in and over the following streets: 1 opposite No. 1 St. Paul St.; 1 opposite No. 51 Norway St.; 1 opposite 35 Norway St.; 1 opposite 21-23 Norway St.; 1 at or near the corner of Falmouth and Norway Sts., and to stretch the necessary guy wires over said streets, Wd. 10; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

REMOVAL OF WIRES.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Commissioner of Wires be requested to notify any companies maintaining wires overhead in the prescribed underground districts in violation of the statutes, to remove said wires, if any exist, within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order; and that he be further requested in case of the failure of any company to remove any such wire or wires within thirty days to remove the same by his department and charge the expense of such removal to the company or companies owning the wires.

Passed.

BALL PLAYING. WD. 23 PLAYGROUND.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of filling in with suitable material and putting the Washington St. Playground, Wd. 23, in proper condition for baseball playing.

Passed.

STEPS AT A ST.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$1000 for the construction of steps from Summer St. extension to A St., South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

FERRY-BOAT CAPTAINS—INCREASED SALARIES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation for Ferry Division, Street Department, a sum sufficient to increase the salaries of the captains of the various ferry-boats to \$125 a month.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PUBLIC LIBRARY LAVATORY.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to order the lavatory at the public library, Copley Sq., kept open during such hours as the building is open to the public.

Passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. SLATTERY moved to reconsider the action taken on all orders, motions, reports and papers submitted today, hoping the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, at 5.18 P.M., to meet on Monday, February 8, 1904, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 8, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding, Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

WEIGHER OF COAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 8, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—
Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint George L. Mudge (7 Central St.) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

SKATING AT WOOD ISLAND PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 5, 1904.

To the City Council:—
Enclosed is a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your letter asking them to furnish better light at Wood Island Park, East Boston, for the benefit of the skaters.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Park Department.

Boston, February 3, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the order of the City Council requesting us to cause Wood Island Park to be properly lighted for the benefit of the skaters. We regret that our appropriation for maintenance has not been sufficient to permit us to expend money for lighting the skating grounds this season.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Thomas J. Renwick, two signs, at 43 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Russo & Runci, a sign, at 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank Spring, two barber poles, at 162 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

S. Gordon & Co., two signs, at 40-42 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 7.

M. M. Mugar, an illuminated sign, at 1747 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Henry Huber & Co., an illuminated sign, at 309-315 Roxbury St., Wd. 19.

Jerry Visconti, a barber pole, at 1103 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Derrick S. West, a sign, at 678A Centre St., Wd. 22.

Claims.

William J. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to his sleigh, caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester Ave., S. B.

Thomas J. Flood, for compensation for bodily injury caused by an alleged defect in F St., S. B.

Miner Robinson, for the release to him of the city's rights in certain land on Parkman St., Brighton, under a certain tax deed, and offering to pay \$50 for said release.

Annie Brady, for compensation for injuries caused by her falling on Battery St.

Jacob J. Fewes, for compensation for damage to premises, 32 Causeway St., caused by the overflow of sewage.

Adelaide L. Mosher, for compensation for injuries caused by her falling on St. Germain St.

Thomas Devine, for compensation for damage to property 38 Brookford St., by surface water.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.: For leave to erect two poles on Brooks St., Wd. 25; for leave to erect four poles on Bullard St., Wd. 20.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Boston Central Labor Union, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of Feb. 21.

Licenses.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 48, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Norfolk Hall, 328 Washington St., Dorchester, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

J. W. Strom, for license for a variety show at 269 Washington St., for four weeks beginning Feb. 5, 1904.

Thomas H. Green, jr., for a license for a whist party at 90 Arlington Ave., Wd. 4, Feb. 2, 1904.

Police (Ald.).

William Gilman, to be paid for the loss of hens killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

John McGinness, for leave to maintain a newspaper stand at the corner of Endicott and Cooper Sts., Wd. 6.

Petitions for leave to stand night lunch wagons, viz.:

Hugh J. Morrison, corner Haymarket Sq. and Canal St.

Lewis Belmont, East corner Summer St. and Atlantic Ave.

L. P. Soule & Son, for leave to erect guy posts on Providence, Boylston and Arlington Sts.

HEARING AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of John T. Casey for leave to project a permanent awning at 34 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 2, unfinished business, viz.:

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

2. Hugh J. Quinn, to be a Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke or Charcoal Measures, for the term ending April 30, 1904, in place of Edward Callahan, deceased.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast, 9; yeas 8, nays 1, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Board proceeded, there being no objection, to consider Nos. 3 and 4, unfinished business, viz.:

3. William Kimball and John McKinnon, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1904.

4. George W. Partington, to be Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Kneeland. Whole number of ballots cast, 7; yeas 7, and the appointments were confirmed.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

John F. Corcoran, one, from building 375 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Hugh Stalker, four, from building 178

Brooks St., cor. Eutaw St., Wd. 1.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 3 P.M., when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

FRANKLIN FUND EXAMINATION.

A request was received from J. Mitchell Galvin for the appointment of a committee of the Board of Aldermen to examine his accounts as treasurer of the Franklin Fund.

Referred to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Slattery and Bromberg.

HARBOR & LAND NOTICE.

Notice was received from the Harbor & Land Commissioners of a hearing February 10 on petition of James N. Thompson, trustee for license to drive piles within the lines of his wharf on South Bay

Placed on file.

CHANGE OF STREET NAMES.

Orders were transmitted from the Street Commissioners changing the names of the following streets, subject to confirmation of the Board of Aldermen:—

Walley St., from northwesterly corner of Walley and Blackinton Sts. to junction of Ashley and Bennington Sts. and junction of Walley and Bennington Sts.—to Bennington St.

Walley St., from Ashley St. to a line drawn from the northwesterly corner of Walley St. and Blackinton St. to the junction of the lines of Ashley and Bennington Sts.—to Ashley St.

Devens St., Charlestown, from Rutherford Ave. to Washington St., and Bow St., from Washington St. to City Sq.—to Rutherford Ave.

Turner St., from Haviland St. to Astor St.—to Bickerstaff St.

Roseland St., from Beacon St. to Medfield St.—to Keswick St.

Severally laid over, under the law.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 78 newsboys, 3 boot-blacks and 2 vendors—recommending that licenses be granted.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Thomas H. Green, Jr. (referred today), for license for whist party at 90 Arlington Ave., Wd. 4, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, Feb. 15, 1904, at 3 P.M., on petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., as follows:—

For leave to attach wires and fixtures to three trees on Florence St., West Roxbury (petition referred last year.)

For leave to attach wires and fixtures to eight trees on Brown Ave., Jamaica Plain (petition referred Jan. 25.)

For leave to erect four poles in Bodwell St., Wd. 16 (petition referred last year.)

For leave to erect two poles in Amherst St., Wd. 23 (petition referred Feb. 1.)

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(2) Reports that no further action is necessary on petitions (severally referred last year) of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. for leave to erect poles, as follows:—

In Sawyer Ave., Wd. 20.

In Glenway, Fowler, McLellan and Bradshaw Sts., Wd. 20.

in Menlo St., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted.

(3) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. (referred Jan. 18), for leave to remove poles from Berkeley and Stanhope Sts., Wd. 10—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to remove from Berkeley St., Wd. 10, one pole and from Stanhope St., Wd. 10, three poles, shown by black dots on a plan made by H. F. Leavitt, dated January 6, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred Feb. 1), for leave to relocate one pole on Border St., Wd. 1—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Border St., near Lexington St., Wd. 1, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 ft. x 14 in.; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.; date of plan, Jan. 23, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Border St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred Jan. 25) requesting the Wire Commissioner to remove the overhead wires on Main St., Charlestown, and place the same underground—That the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

GYMNASIUM, WD. 23.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$90,000 for the erection of an all-the-year-round bathhouse and gymnasium in Wd. 23.

Passed. Sent down.

RECESS.

The Board voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 3.34 P.M., on motion of Ald. SLATTERY.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.15 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending that leave be granted, as follows:—

John McGinness, to maintain a newspaper stand corner Endcott and Cooper Sts., Wd. 6.

Hugh J. Morrison, to stand a night lunch cart at corner Haymarket St. and Canal St.

Lewis Belmont, to maintain a night lunch wagon on east corner Summer St. and Atlantic Ave.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of L. P. Soule & Son (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to L. P. Soule & Son, to

erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over the following streets:—

Four on Providence Street, southerly side.

One on Boylston St., at or near Arlington St.

One on Arlington St., at the Public Garden, for use during the erection of a building, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of February, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report recommending that leave be granted on the petition of the Boston Central Labor Union (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on February 21, P.M.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports, recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

Joseph H. Brown (referred Jan. 11), to project three barber poles at 192 Summer St., Wd. 2.

Blue Hill Mineral Water Co. (referred Feb. 1), to project two signs at 267 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Guy Farmer (referred Jan. 25), to project four barber poles at 4 Wapping St., Wd. 5.

C. Silverman (referred Feb. 1), to project a sign at 324 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Elliot Lighting Co. (referred Feb. 1), to project one gas arc lamp at 398 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

Also reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions, referred from last year:—

Carter, Rice & Co. Corporation, to project a marquis from building 250 Devonshire St., Wd. 7.

Bigelow, Kennard & Co., to project marquises at 10 and 12 West St., Wd. 7.

Mattapan Deposit & Trust Co., to project a glass canopy from the E St. Side of

building 366 Broadway, South Boston.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

STOPPING PLACE FOR CARS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish a stopping place for its cars on Washington St., Between Franklin and Summer Sts.

Passed.

DECORATING FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That permission be granted to the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, to decorate Faneuil Hall on February 9 and 10 1904, in accordance with the provisions of section 103 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Passed.

FREE TRANSFER CHECKS.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Company be requested to give free transfer checks on the South Huntington Ave.-Jamaica Plain line to points in Brookline and Brighton, and vice-versa.

Passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPLE STREET, WD. 23.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Committee on Finance provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$35,000 for the completion of the taking, laying out and construction of Temple St., Wd. 23, in order that the present sum of \$32,000, which was appropriated in 1902, shall become immediately available, and the tunnel and street be completed without delay.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

COTTAGE ST. FOOTBRIDGE.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the footbridge on Cottage St., Wd. 2, to all public travel, until the necessary repairs on the same have been completed.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved to reconsider the action taken on all motions, resolutions, reports, orders, etc., submitted today, hoping the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Adjourned at 4.22 p. m., on motion of Ald. Quigley, to meet on Monday, Feb. 15, 1904, at 3 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, February 11, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Dolan in the chair.

SCHOOLHOUSE CUSTODIAN.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass.,
February 11, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee in reference to your order suggesting that the office of Schoolhouse Custodian be abolished.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins,
Mayor.

City of Boston,
In School Committee.

February 9, 1904.

The Committee on Schoolhouses, to whom was referred—Jan. 26—a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting the School Committee to abolish the office of Schoolhouse Custodian, report that they have considered the matter, and recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee considers the office a necessary one, and has therefore taken appropriate action at its meeting of Jan. 26, 1904.

For the Committee,
Mark B. Mulvey,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

A true copy.

Attest:
Thornton D. Apollonio,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

SAFETY APPLIANCES, ELEVATED RAILROAD.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass.,
February 5, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, giving certain information requested by your body in reference to the provision for the safety of the public in case of an accident to the motor-man of an elevated train while the train is in motion.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins,
Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway Company.

President's Office.

Boston, Mass., February 3, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—In response to the order of the Common Council, dated January 21, 1904, "That His Honor the Mayor request the Boston Elevated Railway Company to inform that body what provision is made for the safety of the public in case of an accident to the motorman on the elevated train while the train is in motion," and which you referred to this company January 23rd, current, I ask permission to say that the means and appliances adopted by the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the purpose of safeguarding passengers and trains from injury in the highly improbable event of a motorman dropping dead, fainting away, or otherwise becom-

ing incapacitated while operating a train, are principally as follows:—

1. The controller handle is so constructed that a certain amount of pressure is required to cause electricity to enter and operate the mechanism which propels the car. Whenever the motorman's hand is removed from the controller's handle, as would be the case under the circumstances stated, the power is cut off from the train.

2. The signals on the elevated line are supplemented by a contrivance called a trip that automatically sets the air brakes for an emergency stop if a train should attempt to pass a signal indicating danger. This device consists of a "T"-shaped arm located between the running rail and the guard rail, that assumes a vertical position when the signal is set in the danger position. Depending from either side of the trailer truck is a lever so placed that it will engage the "T"-shaped arm if the arm is raised. The striking of the lever, called the "trip," against the arm sets all the brakes on the train. Should a motorman willfully or unconsciously fail to obey a signal indicating danger by bringing the train to a stop, the automatic trip would stop the train.

3. Each car is equipped with emergency valves, by means of which the guard or air brakeman may apply the air brakes from his position on the train if it should be observed that the train was proceeding without the guidance of the motorman.

Respectfully,

Boston Elevated Railway Company,
By Wm. A. Bancroft, President.
Placed on file.

ESTIMATED COST OF CERTAIN STREETS.

The following was received:—

Boston, Mass., February 5, 1904.
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To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets giving estimates of cost of macadamizing and regulating Corneli and Beech Sts. and Metropolitan Ave.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor,
Street Department, City Hall.
Boston, Mass., February 4, 1904.

To the Mayor:

In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to report that the following are the estimates of the cost of macadamizing and regulating certain streets: Corneli St., between Washington and

Orange Sts	\$4,850 00
Beech St., between Washington and	
Granville Sts	4,900 00
Metropolitan Ave., between Wash-	
ington and Kittredge Sts.....	6,650 00

Respectfully,

James Donovan, Superintendent of Streets.
Placed on file.

WIDENING OF ROXBURY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston.

Street Commissioner's Office,

City Hall, Boston, February 2, 1904.
To the Honorable the Common Council.

Gentlemen: In reply to the order of your honorable body of January 28, last, requesting an estimate of the expense of widening Roxbury St., between Elliot sq. and Elmwood St., the Board of Street Commissioners begs to state that the street between the points named was never constructed between the lines on which it was laid out.

On account of the high ledge on the south side of the street and encroachments by means of fences the street as constructed is partly irregular. From an examination of the plan it would seem that what is needed is that the street be constructed between the lines on which it is laid out, and as this is a matter which belongs to the Superintendent of Streets,

the Board respectfully returns the order.
For the Board of Street Commissioners,
Salem D. Charles, Chairman.
Placed on file.

PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Memorial Day—
Boston Post 200. G. A. R. for an allowance
for the observance of Memorial Day.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message enclosing a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in answer to the order of the City Council requesting the Board to cause Wood Island Park to be properly lighted for the benefit of skaters. The Board regrets that its appropriation for maintenance has not been sufficient to permit it to expend money for lighting the skating grounds this season.

Placed on file.

2. Ordered, That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested to prepare plans for remedying the present deplorable condition of the Dorchester High Schoolhouse yard, and to cause the said schoolhouse grounds to be graded at the earliest possible moment, the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation a. r. a. ly made for that purpose.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be and hereby is requested to instruct the Board of Park Commissioners to allow the use of pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond, independent of the ones now in the hands of the party or parties which receive the privilege from the Park Commissioners, and that the said boats be allowed on the pond free of charge and under such restrictions as the Park Commissioners may deem fit to impose.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$90,000 for the erection of an all-the-year-round bathhouse and gymnasium in Wd. 23.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Trustees of the Public Library, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to order the lavatory at the Public Library, Copley Sq., kept open during such hours as the building is open to the public.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause the bells to be rung at eight o'clock A.M., noon and sunset, on Washington's Birthday, Evacuation Day, Patriots' Day, Seventeenth of June, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

RESURFACING OF BEACON STREET.

Mr. DALTON of Wd. 11 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Beacon St., between Dartmouth St. and Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF J. F. O'CONNELL.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court, and advocate the passage of House Bill 637, viz.: "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of John F. O'Connell."

Passed. Sent up.

RESOLUTION ON BALTIMORE FIRE.

Mr. McKIRDY of Wd. 8 offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby extends to the people of Balti-

more its sincere and heartfelt sympathy with them in the great calamity through which they have passed in seeing a large and valuable portion of their City consumed by fire.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby expresses the hope that, serious as this misfortune is, the people of Baltimore will not lose courage, but will obtain the means and the energy necessary to rise above their adversity and turn it to such advantage that, with the new buildings rising from the ashes of the old, renewed prosperity and happiness will come to all who have suffered from this visitation.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Passed, by a unanimous vote. Sent up.

ELECTRIC LAMP, CANAL ST.

Mr. McKIRDY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric arc lamp on Canal St., between Market and Traverse Sts., Wd. 8.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 22 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place two arc lights on Boylston Ave., between the house of the Boylston Art Club and Green St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HANLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the cost of paving Washington St., between Marcella St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22, with granite blocks.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF MAVERICK SQ.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of Transit Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to transmit to this body their opinion of the advisability of extending Maverick Sq., East Boston, northward, between Meridian and Chelsea Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLANK WALK, MARGINAL ST.

Mr. CARTER offered an order—That the Board of Railroad Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to suggest to the authorities of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn R. R. the desirability of a plank walk from the train-shed to the toll-house, Marginal St., East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

USE OF EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered a resolution—That the Common Council of Boston in session assembled records itself in favor of House petition 781 and the enactment of sympathetic legislation.

The question came on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like to say a word to the Council on the subject with which this resolve deals. As a matter of fact, there are two petitions now before the House, and both relate to the same subject. Petition 781 was introduced by Representative William C. S. Healey of East Boston; and petition 784 was introduced by His Honor the Mayor. Both relate to the statutes of 1897, chapter 500. That statute is one that was adopted by a referendum vote of the people after passage by the legislature and provided for the construction of a tunnel from Scollay Sq. to Maverick Sq., East Boston. One of the conditions connected with the construction of the tunnel was that a toll of one cent per head should be collected from each person who passed

through the tunnel in the cars of the Boston Elevated Railway, and that the Boston Elevated Railway should pay to the city one-eighth of one per cent. of its receipts, which should accrue to it as the result of operating the tunnel. His Honor the Mayor's petition requests that any persons using the tunnel from Scollay Sq. to Atlantic Ave. and not passing through the tunnel to East Boston be not required to pay this cent. If this petition is granted, the entire cost of meeting the requirements of the sinking fund on these bonds will be thrown on the people of East Boston. It says on the face of the bonds that this toll of one cent shall be applied to the redemption of the bond, but in another part of the same act it says that the Board of Railroad Commissioners, after the first of September, 1904, if the receipts from the one-eighth of one per cent. are found sufficient to meet the requirements of the sinking fund, on petition of ten citizens may annul that part of the act which requires the payment of toll by the people who use the subway. Now, it might appear that this fact printed on the face of the bond would require that everybody using the tunnel pay the toll.

But the fact that the Board of Railroad Commissioners is given permission to annul the payment of the toll after the first of September shows that the two parts of this act are contradictory. Now, Representative Healey does not propose that this act shall be annulled immediately in the part requiring the payment of tolls, but he is willing to allow the act to remain in operation from the first of January, 1904, to the first of September, to give the Board of Railroad Commissioners an approximate idea of what the receipts are going to be on the basis of one-eighth of one per cent. We sincerely hope that the Boston City Council will record itself in favor of this resolve, for the reason, first, that this act is a step backwards in the course of the city's progress; and, second, because it is distinctly unfair to the people of East Boston. The attempt is made now to make the people of East Boston using that subway meet all the requirements of the sinking fund. That would be fair only on the proposition that East Boston was the only district benefited by the tunnel. But we know the City never would have gone to an expense of three or four million dollars if East Boston alone were to be benefited. The very fact that the City has gone to an expense of four million dollars or thereabouts for the construction of this tunnel indicates that the City expects that more than East Boston alone will be benefited. If more than East Boston alone is to be benefited, then East Boston alone should not be required to pay the toll which will meet the requirements of the sinking fund. You know, gentlemen, that the residents of Roslindale have been trying for three or four years to have fares made five cents into Boston and there is a petition now before the House from the City of Chelsea asking for a five cent fare to Boston. We have sympathized with these people in their attempt to have their fares reduced and I ask now if, in the face of such legislation and such conduct, it is not a direct step backwards to make the people of East Boston pay six cents for a fare, where almost every other part of the City pays but five cents? It is an increase of twenty per cent in the cost of transportation to the people of East Boston. If the amount derived from that toll will not be large, then it will not be worth while for the City to be unjust to East Boston to the extent of imposing the toll; and if it is to be large, it is additionally unfair that the people of East Boston should be required to pay it. We know that the Boston Elevated runs its cars to Charlestown over the bridge, and it runs to South Boston, I believe, over two or three bridges. Now the conditions of the tunnel are exactly the same as the conditions are in

going over a bridge. We have submitted to paying fares on the ferries, because there was no way to avoid it; but there is a way to avoid the evils of the ferry system now. As the people of Charlestown can have their trains run across the bridge with no additional expense to them, we ask that the people of East Boston be allowed to run under the water, through the tunnel, and not be obliged to pay an additional amount. I say, gentlemen, that if there is no reason why the people of Charlestown should be charged a toll for the bridge that takes them over to Charlestown, there is no more reason why the people of East Boston should be required to pay an extra cent for passing through the tunnel. And because it is unfair, and because it is a step backward, I trust that the City Council will place itself on record in favor of House petition No. 781.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, if the Council will bear with me a moment, I should like to second Mr. Carter, as a representative from Wd. 1. He speaks of Wd. 2, and I am from Wd. 1. I think he has covered the ground pretty thoroughly, but there are just one or two things that I would like to bring out, if I may. There is a difference between the bridges to Charlestown and the tunnel to East Boston, which Mr. Carter has not brought out clearly. It is this: Foot-passengers or any one in vehicles can cross the Charlestown bridge or the bridges to South Boston. The bridges are not confined to the cars of the Elevated Railroad system. The tunnel is for the use solely of the Elevated Railroad trains. One cannot walk through it, vehicles cannot pass through it. It is simply an extension of the Elevated Railroad tracks, simply an extension of their system—nothing more or less than a prolongation of the subway—and if the people who come into Boston from other parts of Boston can go into the subway without paying a cent, why should the people of East Boston have to pay a cent for going into the subway from their end of it? The point seems to lie right there, that it is not a tunnel or something different from anything which has been before constructed. It is simply a subway, pure and simple. Call it a tunnel, if you will, but it is a subway none the less—an extension of the Boston Elevated Railway system. For that reason, if for no other, it seems to me it is an imposition upon the people of East Boston. It makes them pay a toll of one cent for using the Elevated Railway facilities. If you want to go through the tunnel, you have to pay five cents into the pockets of the Elevated Railway Co. It is the Elevated Railway Co. that is benefited by the construction of this tunnel at the largest expense. It seems to me that the proper way to have met the cost of building this tunnel would have been to increase the rental to the Elevated Railway Company, rather than to charge the people of Boston a cent.

The resolution was passed.

PERMANENT BASIS FOR STABLEMEN.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place all stablemen in the service of the City of Boston on a permanent basis, and the compensation of the same be paid at the ratio of seven working days a week.

Referred to the Mayor.

COMMITTEE ON STREET LIGHTING.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That a special committee of five members of the Common Council, and such of the Board of Aldermen who may join, be appointed to investigate the service rendered by the Company which has the care of gas and naphtha lamps which are supposed to

light the streets of the City of Boston, and to report to the City Government its findings.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President and fellow-members, the City of Boston at the present time is suffering under a contract which was made some years ago with a corporation which I understand comes from outside the State of Massachusetts. This contract is for the care and maintenance of the street lights, as far as pertains to the naphtha or gas lamps. At the time the contract went into operation, the employees of the Lamp Department were continued in its service. Since then, the Company has seen fit, through one means or another, to gradually dispose of the services of those employees, and has practically, as far as I know—and my knowledge is limited to my own district—disposed of all those men, who were faithful employees of the City of Boston at the time that this contract went into effect.

The various reasons why their services have been dispensed with, Mr. President and fellow-members, are known to those who have come in contact with those employees, and possibly with the company itself. The men, of course, are passing along towards the age when possibly they are not able to do as much work as this company wants them to do. This company, I understand, imposes upon these men a certain number of lamps, to be taken care of during the day, and to be lighted in the evening. The routes that they give them are extremely large and the number of lamps which they have to take care of are extremely large in proportion to the number that they used to have to take care of. Now, it is impossible, Mr. President and fellow-members, for these men to go over the routes, take care of the number of lamps that they have to take care of, and have the lamps work to the satisfaction of the people. Consequently, through no fault of the men who are doing the work, the lamps are in a condition where they are nothing more than mere candles in the street. The light that comes from them when they are lit is very poor, and the lamps do not stay lighted for any length of time. I have from people in my district, Mr. President and fellow-members, continued complaints about the lamps going out on certain streets, and about the poor light that the lamps give. The company have been complained to time and time again, and improvement in the lighting of the streets is not noticeable—as it should be. Consequently, Mr. President, I believe it is the duty of the members of the City Government to see to it that the City of Boston gets a sufficient return for the money that is expended in the payment to this company, and that the citizens of Boston get the satisfaction of seeing properly lighted streets, as they should. Consequently, Mr. President, I believe it is for the benefit of the citizens of Boston to find out, and that a committee of the City Council should investigate and find out, if these conditions are as they are said to exist; and, if so, to find out what remedies can be applied so as to give to the citizens of Boston better satisfaction and a better return for the money that is paid for this street lighting.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to the Committee on Lamp Department.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask under what rule the president refers that order to the Committee on Lamp Department, when my order asks for the appointment of a special committee?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 23, that the order offered by him raises precisely the same question as that raised by the order offered a few meetings ago by the gentleman from Ward 10 (Mr. Fer-

ber), having reference to the appointment of a special committee to investigate buildings. The Chair having held at that time that the Building Committee was the proper committee to investigate those matters, under the rules of the Council, which require that all matters shall be referred to their appropriate committees, referred that order to the Building Committee. The Chair will entertain a motion to suspend the rules.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask the indulgence of the Council, and move that the rule be suspended at this time.

The rule was suspended, and the order was passed. Sent up.

CHANGING NAME OF SQUARE.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 presented a petition signed by J. L. Pope, and others asking that the name of Columbus Sq. be changed, and in connection with the same offered an order—That the name of "Columbus Square" in the City of Boston be changed to "Choate Square."

The order was read a second time, and the question came upon its passage. The President put the question and, being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, if debate is in order I should like to state—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state that it is not in order at this time.

The President asked for a rising vote, the Council stood divided, and the order was rejected, 11 members voting for its passage, and 14 against.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I move reconsideration of that vote, and I would like to ask the indulgence of the members of the Council to state that this is a petition which was presented to me by residents of that locality, because part of this territory is in Wd. 10 and part of it in Wd. 12. The signers of the petition include all the property owners on that square. They complain that their mail is sent to Columbus Ave., because it is confused with Columbus Sq. They have asked me to present this petition, for that reason, among others. I have talked with my colleagues in Wd. 10 and with the Councilmen from Wd. 12; and also with the Alderman from Wd. 12. They all seem agreed upon the change of name. The name suggested is the name agreed upon by the representatives of those residents. I trust, therefore, that the Council will reconsider.

Reconsideration was carried, and the question again came on the passage of the order.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, it would appear to me that, before the name of a Square, which it has borne for some time, is changed, there should be some good and sufficient reason given. We are not to consider merely the wishes of a few who may live about that square. This is a matter that also affects property rights and titles which other people of the City have, and the name of any street or square should be changed only in most important cases, where there are very pressing reasons given for the change. Unless further reasons are given, or unless the matter is laid over for a week so that it may be looked into, I hope the Council will vote against making any such change. This is something that certainly should be looked into. There are people interested in these titles, which run back for years, and every change makes confusion. Certainly no change should be made unless there is some very important reason.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I have investigated this matter myself, in Wd. 12, and I think if anybody should be interested in the matter it is the property owners and residents of the immediate neighborhood. As the gentleman from

Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber) has said, the residents of that square have great difficulty in getting their mail. It is distributed at the present time all over Columbus Ave. They have the same difficulty with their merchandise and things sent from down town that they have with their mail; and certainly if anybody in the City of Boston is interested in this matter they are. They certainly have much more interest than the citizens of Jamaica Plain, East Boston or anywhere else. I certainly hope that the order will pass.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I wish to say to the gentlemen from Wd. 12 and Wd. 10 that I have had an experience before the Street Commissioners which may have some bearing upon this matter. The gentleman from Wd. 11, who is now in the House of Representatives, introduced a measure changing the name of Causeway St. and Commercial St. to Atlantic Ave. It is surprising that I did not hear of the order until the matter came before the Street Commissioners. At the time the petition was presented it was presumed to be signed by all the residents and property owners on that street. Notices were sent out in regard to the hearing and there appeared one man, by the name of Holbrook, who favored the petition—and who was the author of the petition—and every important firm, every resident on the street and in that vicinity objected. It strikes me that this might be a similar case. I have not yet heard who the property-owners or the people interested are. As far as I am concerned, I think it is important that we should know. This may be in the interest of some real estate sharks, or people interested in real estate in this city, and I certainly think it is the duty of the Council not to act hastily. I think the suggestion of the gentleman from Wd. 20, to continue the matter for a week, is a good one, and I therefore move its assignment to the next meeting. The order was assigned to the next meeting.

MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Mr. FERBER offered the following:

An Ordinance to establish the Municipal Advisory Council of the City of Boston.

Be it ordained as follows:

Section 1. The following shall be members of the "Municipal Advisory Council of the City of Boston": The Mayor of the City of Boston; the President of the Board of Aldermen; the President of the Common Council; the President of the School Committee; the Ex-Mayors of the City of Boston; the President of Harvard University; the President of the Mass. Institution of Technology; the President of Tufts College; the President of Boston University; the President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; the President of the Boston Bar Association; the President of the Boston Real Estate Exchange; the President of the Boston Merchants Association; the President of the Shoe and Leather Exchange; the President of the Board of Fire Underwriters; the President of the Boston Board of Appeal; the President of the Republican City Committee of Boston; the President of the Democratic City Committee of Boston; the President of the Public School Association; the President of the Good Government Association; the Heads of all departments of the City of Boston having a single head, and the chairman or president of the board or trustees in charge of any department of the City of Boston having more than a single head. The above shall be members of the said Advisory Council by virtue of their incumbency of the offices or positions above-mentioned and shall continue as members of said body during their incumbency of said offices or positions.

Section 2. In the event of failure or declination of any of the above designated to serve as members of said advisory coun-

cil, the Mayor shall appoint, for the term of five years, some other member of said colleges boards or departments above mentioned.

Section 3. The Mayor shall appoint on the first day of May, A. D., 1904, and in the year in which the term of any incumbent expires, and subject to confirmation by the City Council, the following additional members of said body, to serve for the term of five years, viz.: an eminent physician; an eminent educator; an eminent sociologist; an eminent administrator; an eminent sanitary engineer; an eminent civil engineer; an eminent electrical engineer, an eminent bacteriologist; an eminent representative of labor; an eminent pathologist; an eminent accountant; an eminent political economist; an eminent architect.

Section 4. Said advisory council shall meet at least once a month and shall consider all matters relating or cause research to be made into all matters relating to municipal progress in America or elsewhere; shall publish reports of their proceedings, which shall be submitted to the City Council, and shall advise when they deem necessary any branch or department of the city government of Boston. Members of said body shall serve without pay. The City Council may make provision for the payment of all expenses incurred by said body in the course of their investigations and in the publication of their reports. The Superintendent of Public Buildings under the direction of the Mayor shall provide a place for the meetings of said Advisory Council.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect May 1, 1904.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF POLICE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and advocate the passage of Senate Bill 5, viz.: "An act to provide for the appointment of the members of the Board of Police for the City of Boston by the Mayor of Boston."

Passed. Sent up.

REPAIR OF BOARDMAN ST.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair and put in proper condition for public travel Boardman St., Wd. 1.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF W. J. FLYNN.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That, in accordance with Chapter 278 of the Acts of 1903, there be allowed and paid to Mary Ellen Flynn, widow of William J. Flynn, late a police officer of this city, the balance of salary to which the said Flynn would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as such police officer until February 1, 1903 (the sum hereby authorized to be paid not exceeding one-half of his annual salary); the amount paid under this order to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed. Sent up.

COVE ST. BRIDGE.

Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council at its next meeting what progress has been made in the matter of the construction of the Cove St. bridge, and how soon, in his opinion, said bridge will be open for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXAMINATION OF PRINTING PLANT.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to have an examination made of the accounts and management of the Printing Department, and the practical working and efficiency of the Municipal Printing Plant; said examination to include an appraisal of the plant, and all transactions for the period from the date of the last examination (Feb. 1, 1902) to Feb. 1, 1904, and to be conducted by the same expert accountant, who shall be empowered to have the assistance of a practical printer familiar with the plant, the conditions of the printing business in this city, and acceptable to the Typographical Union.

Referred to the Mayor.

INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee of the General Court on Education, in favor of the bill for the establishing of an industrial college and labor temple.

Passed. Sent up.

MEAL-TIME FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. FAY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the firemen an extra half hour for meals, making a total of one hour and a half for each meal time.

The rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, in relation to this order I desire to state at this time that I have consulted several members of the Fire Department and they all agree that the hour given to them at present is too short to enable them to get to their meals and return. Several members have spoken to me in regard to this matter and have told me that they have hardly time enough to get to their homes and back, to say nothing of having their meals. In many cases it takes twenty to twenty-five minutes for them to ride, and they have hardly time to eat and say "good morning" or "good evening" when they have to get back to their work. It is true that in one or two of the firehouses they are given fifteen to thirty minutes' additional time, to enable them to get to their homes and return within an hour and a half. Why, if that time is given in one or two firehouses, cannot the men in all the firehouses in the city receive that privilege? I do not see why they favor one or two houses and not the rest. This would incur no additional expense to the city, but only a little extra time—say half an hour in each case. That is, members would start to breakfast at 6.30 instead of 7, and return at the usual time, when the next shift would do the same, and the same at dinner and at supper. At present the firemen throughout the city are anxiously awaiting the outcome of this order, hoping that the mayor may see his way clear to approve of this request.

The order was passed. Sent up.

LIST OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit to the Common Council a complete list of all the employees in the several departments, as of March 1, 1904, classified by central office, divisions and districts, giving the name, age and residence of each employee, together with his or her rank or designation, and the salary or wages paid.

Referred to the Mayor.

GYMNASIUM, WD. 3.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$25,000 for the building of a gymnasium on the Mystic playground, Wd. 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

MEMORIAL TO COL. BOGAN.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 called up No. 7, assignment viz:

7. Ordered, That the sum of \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to the late Colonel Fred B. Bogan; said memorial to be completed as soon as possible, and to be put in some public place in that part of Boston known as Charlestown.

The question came on giving the order a second reading.

Mr. MURRAY offered the following as a substitute:

Ordered, That the sum of \$20,000 is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Art Department for the erection in Charlestown of a memorial of Colonel Fred B. Bogan, and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

The substitute was adopted, and was declared referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I desire to move a suspension of the rule, in order that that order may go upon its passage at this time.

The question came on suspending the rule.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I realize that it is rather late and I don't desire to take up the time of the members of this honorable body with any lengthy remarks upon the order. I do feel, however, that I should say at least a few words with reference to it. I believe, Mr. President and gentlemen, that this is an order in which there is absolutely no party politics, which is founded not at all upon personal pride or prejudice, but which is conceived in the most patriotic sentiments and motives. Mr. President, the order must explain itself. The members of the body know that it is the custom—the well-founded custom, and one which should be followed,—of cities in this country of ours to erect monuments to men who do valorous deeds, to men who do noble deeds. And I submit, Mr. President, that no soldier of the first war of our country, of the war of 1861 to 1865, or of the war of 1898, made a greater sacrifice for his country than did Col. Fred B. Bogan. I trust that the order will be passed.

The rule was declared not suspended. Mr. Murray doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to suspend the rules was lost (less than two-thirds voting therefor)—yeas 37, nays 20:—

Yeas—Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald T. F., Good, Grady, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Murray, Reagan, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan T. J.—37.

Nays—Abbott, Barrett, Colman, Cook, Dalton, Graumann, Harrington, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McDermott, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—20.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Cadogan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, Dolan, Driscoll, Ewell, Ferber, Foley, Geth, G. Gleason, McDonald P. A., Moynihan, Newton, Rachowsky, Richardson, Spillane—18.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I move you that that vote be reconsidered, and that the matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the matter goes to the Committee on Finance, under the rules, and that reconsideration cannot be had without there first having been a suspension of the rules.

Later in the session, the President said:

The Chair desires to say at this time that, in ruling that the motion to reconsider the refusal to suspend the rules could not be considered without there having first been a suspension of the rules, the Chair was in error. With the permission of the Council, the Chair will now put the motion to reconsider the refusal to suspend the rules, as moved by Mr. Murray of Wd. 5.

Reconsideration was carried, and further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

GRADE CROSSINGS, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to petition the Special Commission on the abolition of the Grade Crossings in East Boston to report to the Common Council the delay in carrying into effect their report.

Mr. CROWLEY—Mr. President, I desire to say a few words at this time in explanation of that order. The people of East Boston, for more than a decade of years have agitated the abolition of said grade crossings, believing, as they do, that they constitute a menace to life and a handicap to transportation. After years of agitation, they succeeded in passing through the Legislature of 1899 an act calling for the abolition of the said grade crossings. According to that act—Chapter 390—upon a petition of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen presented to any Superior Court sitting in equity, said court, after a hearing in the matter was to appoint a Commission of three disinterested persons who were to determine whether said grade crossings shall be abolished or not. The court, in pursuance to such a petition of the Mayor and Aldermen, and in accordance with this act, appointed such a Commission, with instructions to report back within six months; and, if their report was favorable, upon the approval of the Court, their report was to be carried out. The act also provided that if the railroad companies were dissatisfied with the report of this Special Commission, they should file a notice of their objections within two months, and six months thereafter remove said tracks; and any court having jurisdiction thereof shall enforce such removal. I presume, Mr. President, that these railroad companies have not filed any such report. Otherwise, the mighty hand of justice would before this time have ruthlessly decended upon them. I could, gentlemen, go more into this matter—could get plans of the location, maps and charts, explain the various grades that have been advocated during the hearings upon this matter; but I forbear, as it is unnecessary. There is but one thing necessary, and that is to give to that section of East Boston relief from these grade crossings—and when I say "That section of East Boston," I refer to the First Section, the Second Section, the Third Section and the Fourth Section. Five years have passed away since this act was enacted, and relief from this nuisance seems almost as far away in the distant future as ever. A Special Commission appointed by the Court say that the crossings must go; but before they carry out their designs, they must

receive the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. According to Section 8 of that same act, no change shall be made in the grade of the crossings unless it receives the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners. So, then, it now seems, gentlemen, that to a great extent the delay in regard to the abolition of these grade crossings is due to the Railroad Commissioners, who are fully informed in reference to this matter, and who should give to us the relief that we have been petitioning for. Concluding, Mr. President and gentlemen, I feel that I bespeak the sentiment of the people of East Boston when I say that it is time that those grade crossings be abolished, and that the plan recommended by the Commission be carried into execution, and not kicked about like a football. I feel that if His Honor the Mayor would give us some definite information concerning this matter, then the few words which I have said here tonight will not be in vain.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

LANDING, GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Mr. CROWLEY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to furnish an estimate of the cost of erecting a public landing on Governor's Island.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE.

Mr. CROWLEY offered an order—That the Board of Transit Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to inform the City Council when the house erected on Lewis St. facing South Ferry shall be removed.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF STREET CLEANING.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council the estimated cost of extending the present system of Street Cleaning now in use in the city proper to South Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

EDITION OF ORDINANCES.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the City Clerk prepare and have printed an edition of one thousand copies of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, with all additions and amendments thereto and to the Revised Regulation of 1898, that each member of the City Government receive at least one copy and that at least two hundred copies be held by the City Messenger for distribution to new members of succeeding City Governments, one copy to each new member as long as they shall last, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

STREET SIGN, HUMBOLDT AVE.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place at the junction of Walnut Ave. and Humboldt Ave., a sign indicating the name of the avenues.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on February 25, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned at 9:10 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Mr. Simms of Wd. 11.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 15, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1891, viz.:—

Four Grand Jurors for the United States Circuit Court, February term, viz.:—

Ellwood W. Ward, Wd. 25; Lachlan Wallace, Wd. 22; Michael J. Sullivan, Wd. 13; George S. Williams, Wd. 21.

Twelve Petit Jurors for the U. S. Circuit Court, February term, viz.:—

William J. Gleason, Wd. 17; Henry J. Jensen, Wd. 9; Chester L. Crosby, Wd. 11; Albert J. Bleiler, Wd. 22; John H. Horan, Wd. 5; Albert Ray, Wd. 7; John B. Jones, Wd. 1; Edward F. Treanor, Wd. 9; George W. Wales, Wd. 24; Samuel T. Crosby, Jr., Wd. 20; Edward M. Dugan, Wd. 19; Jos. F. McDonald, Wd. 8.

"NIGHT LUNCH CARTS"—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 15, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval votes of your Board giving permission (1) to Lewis Belmont to maintain a night lunch wagon on east corner of Summer St. and Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7, and (2) to Hugh J. Morrison to stand a night lunch cart at the corner of Haymarket Sq. and Canal St., Wd. 6.

It is not within the power of your Board to give any person permission to "stand a night lunch cart" in a public street, as the placing and maintaining of a wagon in a public street for any such length of time as is proposed is unquestionably an illegal obstruction of public travel.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

NEWSPAPER STAND—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
February 15, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval a vote of your Board giving permission to John McGinness to maintain a newspaper stand at the southwest corner of Endicott and Cooper Sts., Wd. 6.

It is not within the power of your Board to give any person permission to permanently obstruct a highway in this manner.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WASHINGTON-ST. PLAYGROUND,
WD. 23.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
February 12, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of placing the Washington-St. Playground, Wd. 23, in proper condition for baseball playing.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Boston, February 11, 1904.
Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir: The Board has received and duly considered the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting us to furnish an estimate of the cost of filling in with suitable material and putting the Washington-St. Playground, Wd. 23, in proper condition for baseball playing.

We estimate that we should require an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for this purpose.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

WIRES ON MAIN ST., CHARLESTOWN

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 15, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires in answer to your order asking him to remove the overhead wires now on Main St., Charlestown.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Wire Department, 11 Wareham St.

Boston, February 15, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir:—The following order of the Board of Aldermen, dated February 6, 1904, has been received by this department through your office:—

"Ordered, That the Wire Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the overhead wires on Main St., Charlestown, and place the same underground."

Replying to the above, we beg to say that the law limits the length of streets to two (2) miles each year from which poles and wires shall be removed.

As the streets for this year have been prescribed and advertised in accordance with the law, this department will be unable to take any action at this time.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick J. Kennedy,

Commissioner of Wires.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

MAKING OF HIGHWAYS, ETC.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., February 15, 1904.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor pointing out the necessity of providing by loan the sum of \$600,000, to meet the obligations of the City incurred under Chapter 521 of the Acts of the year 1902, and the appropriation for the Board of Street Commissioners under the order of the City Council, approved January 14, 1904; and I have the honor to recommend the early passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Auditing Department,

City Hall, Feb. 15, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:—In carrying out the provisions of Chap. 323 of the Acts of 1891, an Act relating to the Laying Out and Construction of Highways, and the several Acts in addition or amendment thereto, it will be necessary to provide this year a loan of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000). Of this amount Five Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$597,670) will be needed to pay obligations already incurred under Chap. 521 of the Acts of 1902 and the appropriation for the Board of Street Commissioners under the order of the City Council approved Jan. 14, 1904.

Respectfully,

James H. Dodge, City Auditor.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, Feb 15, 1904.
Ordered, That, under Chap. 323 of the Acts of 1891, as amended by Chap. 199 of the Acts of 1901 and Chap. 521 of the Acts of 1902, the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) be appropriated for the making of highways and other purposes provided for in said Acts; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

Building Dept.

Batcheller Bros., for leave to build a wooden addition on 22 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:

D. W. Estabrook, an illuminated sign, at 41 Union St., Wd. 6.

Dr. Williams, an illuminated sign, at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.

D. P. Hickey, a V sign, at 17 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

H. W. Huguley Co., an electric sign, at 126 Canal St., Wd. 8.

F. Preston, an illuminated sign, at 402 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Locke & Smith, illuminated sign, 50 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Mary J. Taylor, for a hearing on her claim for damages on account of her falling on School St., Wd. 7.

Manhattan Market, for compensation for damage to wagon caused by its being run into by a wagon of the Street Department.

Thomas F. Cleary, for compensation for injuries to his son caused by his falling on the steps of the Roger Wolcott School-house.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect five poles on Glendale St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Midland St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect five poles on Glen St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect six poles on High St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles on Ware and Rill Sts., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect one pole on Raymond St., Wd. 25.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

New England Anti-Saloon League, on the evening of March 18.

Mass. Woman's Suffrage Association, on April 16, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Boys' Industrial League on the evening of March 15, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Allen Lowe, for the trimming of a tree at 28 Oakdale St., Wd. 22.

Licenses.

George W. Magee, Manager, for a permit for Edith Raynora, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, for one week beginning Feb. 15, 1904.

Chickering & Sons, for a license for musical, literary and dramatic entertainments, at 153 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Police (Ald.).

Annie Cavanagh, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Railroads.

Eastern Wharf & Storage Co. et als., for leave to lay a track and to erect the necessary poles, etc., on Chelsea, East Eagle, Condon, Border, Sumner and New Sts., East Boston.

Public Improvements.

Philip Weiss, for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of candy, etc., in City Hall Ave.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:-

1. For leave to attach wires and fixtures to eight trees on Brown Ave., Wd. 23.

2. For leave to attach wires and fixtures to three trees on Florence St., Wd. 23.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. For leave to erect two poles on Amherst St., Wd. 23.

Charles H. Wise, 15 Amherst St., Henry A. Mitchell, 24 Amherst St., John McKinley and John H. McKinley, of 8 Amherst St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, on account of the narrowness of the street, etc.

Recommended, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. For leave to erect four poles on Bodwell St., Wd. 16.

Frederick H. Lewis, of 105 Longwood Ave., Brookline, and Albert McKenzie, for George W. Want, of 19 Bodwell St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, on account of the narrowness of the street, etc. A remonstrance was also received from Walter A. O'Brien and another.

On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the matter was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby extends to the people of Baltimore its sincere and heartfelt sympathy with them in the great calamity through which they have passed in seeing a large and valuable portion of their city consumed by fire.

Resolved, That the City Council hereby expresses the hope that, serious as this misfortune is, the people of Baltimore will not lose courage, but will obtain the means and the energy necessary to rise above their adversity and turn it to such advantage that, with new buildings rising from the ashes of the old, renewed prosperity and happiness will come to all who have suffered from this visitation.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the firemen an extra half hour for meals making a total of one hour and a half for each meal time.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That, in accordance with chapter 278 of the Acts of 1903, there be allowed and paid to Mary Ellen Flynn, widow of William J. Flynn, late a police officer of this city, the balance of salary to which the said Flynn would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as such police officer until February 1, 1903, the sum hereby authorized to be paid not exceeding one-half of his annual salary; the amount paid under this order to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That a special committee of five members of the Common Council, and such of the Board of Aldermen who may

join, be appointed to investigate the service rendered by the company which has the care of the gas and naphtha lamps, which are supposed to light the streets of the City of Boston, and to report to the City Government its findings.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

9. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court, and advocate the passage of House Bill 617, viz.: "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to the widow of John F. O'Connell."

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the committee of the General Court on Education, in favor of the bill for the establishing of an industrial college and labor temple.

Passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court, and advocate the passage of Senate bill 5, viz.: "An Act to Provide for the Appointment of the Members of the Board of Police for the City of Boston by the Mayor of Boston."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 12, unfinished business, viz.:—

12. Action on the appointment of George L. Mudge, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yes 9, and the appointment was confirmed.

CHANGE OF STREET NAMES.

The Board proceeded to take up Nos. 13 to 17, inclusive, viz.:—

Action on the confirmation of the five following orders passed by the Street Commissioners February 8, 1904.

13. Ordered, That the name of Devens St., at Charlestown, from Rutherford Ave. to Washington St., and the name of Bow St., from Washington St. to City St., be changed to, and that they be hereafter known as, Rutherford Ave.

14. Ordered, That the name of Roseland St., leading from Beacon St. to Medfield St., be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Keswick St.

15. Ordered, That the name of Turner St., leading from Haviland St. to Astor St., be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Bickerstaff St.

16. Ordered, That the name of that part of Walley St., at East Boston, from Ashley St. to a line drawn from the northwesterly corner of Walley St. and Blackinton St. to the junction of the lines of Ashley St. and Bennington St., be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Ashley St.

17. Ordered, That the name of that part of Walley St., between a line drawn from the northwesterly corner of Walley St. and Blackinton St. to the junction of the lines of Ashley St. and Bennington St. and the junction of the lines of Walley St. and Bennington St. be changed to, and that it be hereafter known as, Bennington St.

Passed in concurrence with the Board of Street Commissioners.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Barnard Bennett, for leave to project two bay windows from building No. 35 Allen St., Wd. 8, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, February 29, 1904, at 3 p.m., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

PERMANENT AWNINGS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project permanent awnings, viz:

Mercantile Wharf Corporation, at 2-6 Mercantile St. and 84-86 Clinton St., Wd. 6.

Alfred Sears & Co., at 3 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

Journal Building Trust, at 262 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Feb. 29, 1904, at 3 P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

PETROLEUM LICENSE.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of his approval of the application of A. R. Bangs, for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 70 Brimmer St., Wd. 11.

It was voted that a license be granted, as recommended by the Fire Commissioner.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall etc., submitted reports recommending that leave to use Faneuil Hall be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):

Boys' Industrial League, on the evening of Mar. 15.

Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, on Apr. 16, from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition of Thomas J. Washburn (referred 1903), offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 47 newsboys, four bootblacks and one vendor.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George W. Magee, Mgr. (referred today), for a permit for Edith Ravnore, under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week, beginning today—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of J. W. Strom (referred Feb. 8), for license for a variety show at 269 Washington St., for four weeks, beginning Feb. 5—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs as follows:—

Thomas J. Renwick (referred Feb. 8), two signs, at 43 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Russo & Runci (referred February 8), a sign at 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank Spring (referred February 8), two barber poles, at 162 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Isaac Dubzansky (referred Feb. 1), a sign, at 1502 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

S. Gordon & Co. (referred Feb. 8), two signs, at 40-42 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 7.

Carl D. Willson (referred February 1), a watch sign, at 104 Dorchester St., Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, February 29, 1904, at 3 p.m., on the following petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.

For leave to erect three poles in Atherton St., Wd. 24 (referred Jan. 18).

For leave to erect five poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24 (referred Jan. 18).

For leave to erect two poles on Brooks St., Wd. 25 (referred Feb. 8).

For leave to erect four poles on Bullard St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 8).

For leave to erect three poles on Harvard Ave., Wd. 25 (referred Feb. 1).

For leave to erect poles in Virginia St., Wd. 16 (referred last year).

Also on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Brookline Gaslight Co. (referred Jan. 18), that the first named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to poles of the second company, on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

STREET LIGHTS, ELDER ST. EXTENSION.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place the necessary street lights on Elder St. extension, from Columbia Rd., Wd. 16, and charge the expense of the same appropriations for Lamp Department.

Passed.

EDGESTONE ASSESSMENT CORRECTED.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved April 29, 1903, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$16.33 against the estate of William Patterson, Trustee, Adams St., Wd. 20, be and the same is hereby rescinded. The same estate is hereby assessed as follows:—

Bowdoin St., at Adams St., Wd. 20; William H. McGinty, owner, \$16.33.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees now standing in front of estate numbered 347-359 Washington St., Wd. 20, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

"WELLINGTON SQUARE."

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the open space or square at the junction of Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St., Wd. 24, be and is hereby named Wellington Sq.

Passed.

COASTING ORDERS.

Ald. KNEELAND presented the petition of Clarence Smith and others, that coasting be allowed on Fountain St., Wd. 21, and, in connection therewith, Ald. Kneeland offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, on Fountain St., Wd. 21.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter season, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Board of Police on Brooks St., Wd. 25; Whiting St., between Warren and Moreland Sts., Wd. 21; and Bigelow St., easterly end, Wd. 25.

Severally passed.

SIDEWALK ON NORWAY ST.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Norway St., west of Huntington Ave., Wd. 10, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

A RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. BALDWIN, the Board voted, at 3.46 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6.25 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted a report on the order (referred today) for the appointment of a joint special committee to investigate the service of the company which has the care of the gas and naphtha lamps—that the same be referred to the Committee on Lamp Department.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

RESCISSION OF SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That so much of the orders of the Board of Aldermen, levying sidewalk assessments against the following estates and owners thereof, be and the same is hereby rescinded, the same being assessed in error:—

July 23, 1902, No. 88 Burrell St., Wd. 16, Charles J. Bowen, \$16.10.

July 23, 1902, No. 90 Burrell St., Alfred Pierce, \$16.10.

March 18, 1903, Brooks St., Wd. 25, Annie D. Wood, \$28.

March 18, 1903, No. 891 E. First St., Wd. 14, Catherine C. Tucker, \$20.72.

Dec. 2, 1903, No. 112 George St., Wd. 20, Mary A. Faulkner, \$43.19.

Passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of 778 and 780 Broadway, and to remove a tree from in front of 390 Broadway; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. SLATTERY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, that when it adjourn it be to meet on Monday, February 29, at 3 p.m.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, at 6.26 p.m., to meet on Monday, Feb. 29, at 3 p.m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the Chair.

ELECTRIC WIRES IN STREETS.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires in answer to your order of January 14, requesting certain information in regard to overhead wires or cables in the streets in this city.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Wire Department, Feb. 15, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Sir:—The following order of the Common Council, dated Jan. 14, 1904, has been received by this department through your office:

"Ordered, That the Wire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the City Council if there are any overhead wires or cables carrying a current of two thousand volts or over in the streets of the City of Boston; if so, their location and company owning same. If any such wires or cables are used to supply outside cities or towns. If so, if the City of Boston receives any compensation for the use of its streets for such purposes."

Replying to the above, would say that the Brookline Gas Light Company, Charlestown Gas and Electric Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company are using voltage to the extent named. The wires carrying this voltage are in nearly every street where there are overhead wires of any kind.

There are wires running from West Roxbury into Dedham, owned and controlled by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company and are to supply current, we are informed, for Dedham and other towns in the immediate vicinity, and in streets and along streets which they pass.

As to compensation received by the City of Boston for privileges granted, we have no knowledge.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick J. Kennedy, Wire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

HOUSE IN LEWIS ST., EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 25, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Boston Transit Commission stating that the house now standing in Lewis St., facing South Ferry, is about to be removed, in accordance with the request contained in your order of February 11, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston Transit Commission,

20 Beacon St.

Boston, February 19, 1904.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—In answer to the order of the Common Council as to when the house erected in Lewis St., facing the South Ferry, would be removed, I am instructed by the Commission to say that, the work of the contractor being substantially finished, the building is about to be removed.

The permit to close Lewis St. did not issue from this Commission.

Yours respectfully,

B. Leighton Beal, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PROGRESS OF COVE ST. BRIDGE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 25, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order asking what progress has been made in the construction of the Cove St. bridge.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall,

February 23, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—In compliance with the order of the Common Council "That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council, at its next meeting, what progress has been made in the matter of construction of the Cove St. Bridge, and how soon, in his opinion, said bridge will be open for public travel," I have to say that if the necessary legislation can be obtained and satisfactory terms can be made with the Terminal Company, the bridge will be completed in 1905.

Plans and specifications are ready for advertising the bridge as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

Very respectfully,

William Jamison, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

COST OF PAVING WASHINGTON ST., ROXBURY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 25, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order asking for an estimate of the cost of paving Washington St., between Marcella St. and Columbus Ave.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, Mass., February 17, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of paving and regulating Washington St., between Marcella St. and Columbus Ave., is \$25,700.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 25, 1904.

To the City Council:—

In accordance with Section 8 of Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1885, I have the honor to transmit the estimates of the several departments, with my recommendations thereon.

It will be noted that the amounts estimated by the departments largely exceed the funds available from the revenues of the city, and that in my recommendations it has therefore been found necessary to distribute the income with great care, so that no branch of the service shall suffer. Even then, all the departments must exercise the closest economy to make both ends meet.

The total amount that can be appropriated this year is but \$250,398.49 in excess of last year's appropriation, as against an increase last year of \$669,184 over the appropriation of the year before. The in-

crease in the current revenue of the city is small and slow, while the demands of the Commonwealth, and those of our own institutions that cannot be ignored, run to the limit of our power to pay.

I recommend the adoption of the accompanying appropriation and tax orders.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

APPROPRIATION AND TAX ORDERS.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1904, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest requirement for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1904, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust, or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1904, and by taxes to the amount of \$13,401,400, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes, or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding seven million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1904, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1904; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1904, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, except the taxes assessed upon

shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the reserve fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between December 1, 1904, and February 1, 1905, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Art Department: One hundred dollars	\$100 00
Assessing Department: One hundred and eighty thousand dollars.....	180,000 00
Auditing Department: Forty-five thousand five hundred dollars....	45,500 00
Bath Department: One hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.....	155,000 00
Board of Aldermen: Twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars—	
Salaries	\$21,500 00
Contingent Expenses.....	5,000 00
Building Department: One hundred and four thousand dollars.....	104,000 00
Board of Appeal: Three thousand dollars	3,000 00
Cemetery Department: Sixty-three thousand dollars.....	63,000 00
City Clerk Department: Fifty-three thousand dollars	53,000 00
City Council: Twenty-six thousand three hundred dollars—	
Incidental expenses.....	\$5,000 00
City Council proceedings..	21,300 00
City Messenger Department: Thirty-five thousand dollars.....	35,000 00
Clerk of Committees Department: Seventeen thousand dollars.....	17,000 00
Collecting Department: One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.....	135,000 00
Common Council: Thirty thousand dollars—	
Salaries of Councilmen....	\$22,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	2,000 00
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,500 00
Election Department: One hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars.....	168,000 00
Engineering Department: Eighty thousand dollars.....	80,000 00
Fire Department: One million three hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred thirty dollars—	
Current expenses.....	\$1,258,430 00
Pensions	70,000 00
Health Department: One hundred ninety-six thousand dollars.....	196,000 00
Hospital Department: Four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....	485,000 00
INSTITUTIONS:	
Children's Institutions Department: One hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars—	
Placing Out and Office Division	\$91,000 00
House of Reformation.....	42,000 00
Parental School.....	55,000 00
Insane Hospital Department: Two hundred five thousand dollars—	
Boston Insane Hospital.....	\$150,000 00
Insane in State Institutions	55,000 00
	205,000 00

House of Correction, Deer Island	190,000 00		
Office Expenses of Penal Institutions		20,000 00	
Commissioner			\$1,085,000 00
County Debt Requirements:			
Sinking-fund and principal	\$61,481 00		
Interest	124,660 00		
		186,141 00	
			1,271,141 00
			\$16,850,248 00
Water Department: Nine hundred six thousand four hundred dollars (to be paid by water income).			
Current Expenses and extension of mains	\$545,000 00		
Debt requirements. (Interest)	361,400 00		
			\$906,400 00
BASIS OF ESTIMATE.			
Average valuation, \$1,148,529,050.			1903-1904.
\$7.10 on a thousand brings			\$8,154,556 00
Estimated income			3,418,354 71
			\$11,632,910 71
City debt for sinking-funds			1,437,453 00
Interest			2,333,624 00
County for sinking-fund and principal			61,653 00
Interest			125,170 00
Appropriation			1,000,645 00
			\$16,599,849 71
Average valuation, \$1,179,268,000.			1904-1905.
\$7.10 on a thousand brings			\$8,312,803 20
Estimated income			3,448,848 00
			\$11,821,651 20
City debt for sinking-fund			1,437,453 00
Interest			2,320,000 00
County for sinking-fund and principal			61,481 00
Interest			124,660 00
Appropriation			1,050,000 00
			\$16,850,248 20
WAYS AND MEANS.			
Other than Taxes.			
1904-1905.			
An estimate of the Ways and Means, other than taxes, of meeting the Expenditures of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, for the financial year 1904-1905:			
Cemetery Department			\$25,000 00
City Clerk Department			6,400 00
Collecting Department			25,000 00
Collecting bank tax			5,000 00
Fire Department			2,000 00
Health Department			5,100 00
Hospital Department			55,150 00
Institutions—			
Children's Institutions Department:			
House of Reformation			200 00
Insane Hospital Department			81,500 00
Pauper Institutions Department			4,000 00
Interest			150,000 00
Lamp Department			900 00
Library Department			5,000 00
Market Department			400 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department			13,700 00
Park Department			2,000 00
Police Department			21,000 00
Public Buildings, Armories			10,500 00
Registry Department			400 00
Rents			125,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department			137,598 00
Street Department:			
Bridge Division	\$1,000 00		
Cambridge Bridges Div	400 00		
Ferry Division	142,000 00		
Paving Division	7,500 00		
Sanitary Division	13,700 00		

Sewer Division.....	87,500 00
Street Cleaning Division..	2,000 00
	254,100 00
Weights and Measures Department..	5 000 00
County of Suffolk.....	150 000 00
Corporation tax.....	950,000 00
Liquor license revenue.....	1,050,000 00
Street railway tax.....	360,000 00
	\$3,443,818 00

Accompanying were the estimates of the various departments (City Doc. 56).
Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

DORCHESTER HEIGHTS MONUMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 16, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I have the honor to announce that, pursuant to an Order of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth, passed June 10, 1903, transferring to the care and custody of the City of Boston the monument on Dorchester Heights erected under the provisions of Chapter 113 of the Resolves of 1898, and under authority vested in the Mayor by the Order of the City Council approved December 6, 1898, I have accepted the monument and agreed with the Commonwealth, on behalf of the City, to keep the site upon which said monument stands open and accessible to the public, and to keep the site and monument in proper condition and repair at the expense of the City of Boston.

I have also directed the Superintendent of Public Grounds to take charge of the monument and site, and provide proper means to carry out the agreement with the State for adequate protection and repair.

The monument is therefore formally accepted and placed in the proper custody.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sent up.

REPORT ON BATH DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 20, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I have the honor to transmit a report by Harvey S. Chase, Accountant, on the finances and operation of the Bath Department, to which I invite your careful consideration.

It was intended that this report should accompany those transmitted to the City Council during 1903, but Mr. Chase was called away, and this investigation was made at his convenience.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Harvey S. Chase,

Expert Municipal Accountant,

27 State St., Boston, Feb. 18, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.

Sir: I have investigated the Bath Department in accordance with your instructions. I have examined the various baths and gymnasia on the spot and have overhauled the books, accounts and reports at the Trustee's office. In so doing I have followed your advice, namely, "to look at the whole matter not only as an accountant but as a human being, and to report in a week!"

To draw correct conclusions from so hurried a survey is not easy. The attached comparative tables of annual expenditures explain themselves, but deductions from these tables alone will not tell the story. At first sight from these tables it would appear that carelessness or extravagance was evident in the management of the department. On further investigation this appearance proves to be deceptive.

In comparison with the efficiency of other municipal departments, which I have previously examined and reported upon to you, the administration of the Bath Department is equal to the average or above it. Its expenses have rapidly increased it is true, but this is mainly due to the increase of the department's functions. Its pay roll has increased faster than its other expenses, which would at first appear to be discreditable, but I have found reasonable explanations of this fact.

Expenditures.

In 1898, the first year of the Department's existence,* the total operating and maintenance expenses were about \$64,000, in 1900, about \$108,000; in 1902, about \$160,000, and in 1903, about \$164,000. The estimate for 1904 was about \$189,000.** The expenditures for land, buildings and equipment during the six years, 1898 to 1903, were about \$225,000 additional.

*Previously the public bathhouses were in charge of the Health Department.

**Including some improvements.

In 1898 the pay roll—omitting sanitariums and public convenience stations, which are separate functions although under control of this department—was 52 p.c. of the total operating expenses, while in 1902, the pay roll was 74 p.c. of the same expense.

In 1898 the ratio of total operating expense for baths and gymnasia to total operating expense of the whole city was 36-100ths. of one per cent. In 1902 this ratio was 48-100ths. of one per cent—more than double proportionately.

In 1901 the total pay roll was \$104,400, in 1902 \$120,600, and in 1903 \$116,400. Materials and supplies cost \$44,000 in 1901, \$39,600 in 1902, and \$47,000 in 1903. The increase in the latter year being largely accounted for by contracts which exceeded special appropriations and which had to be charged to the regular appropriation.

Looking ahead there appears to be no end to the enlarged requirements for this department if the policy of building expensive bath houses, with gymnasia included, is continued.

Present Conditions.

There are now five gymnasia in operation, one all-the-year-round bathing house (Dover St.), sixteen summer bathing places—beaches, pools and floating bath houses—with a total attendance in 1903, stated by the department's report to be about 2,580,000, of whom 305,000 attended the Dover St. bath house and the gymnasia.

The costs of these bathing places vary from \$409 per annum at Craigie's Bridge, where 126,000 people are reported to have bathed, to over \$16,000 at L St. Beach, South Boston, where 927,000 attendance is reported. The costs per bath for these places were about one and three-quarters cents per person at Craigie's Bridge, and about two and one-tenth cents at South Boston, including proportional charges for swimming instructors, for repairs and for supplies. The costs per bath at other places vary from two and one-half cents to nine and one-half cents per bath.

At the gymnasia the costs per person attending, as reported in 1903, is as follows:—

	Persons.	Cents.
East Boston gymnasium.....	84,635	9½
D. St., South Boston gymnasium..	84,639	13
Wd. 19 gymnasium.....	33,316	17
Wd. 7 gymnasium.....	22,286	26¾
Wd. 9 gymnasium.....	21,603	28½

It is evident that the smaller the gymnasium and the attendance, the higher is the cost proportionately.

The average cost for all the gymnasia was about fifteen cents per person attending. The average cost for all the bathing places was about four and one-tenth cents per person bathing.

Neither of these averages seems excessive when we consider the function of the Bath Department. This function of

course is to provide means for personal cleanliness to those in the tenement districts who have no proper bath facilities in their homes. To this has been added the correlated function of providing means for proper physical exercise for these same people in public gymnasia under the care of competent instructors and medical directors.

The immense value of these opportunities to the rising generation of the tenements no one who looks into the facts can dispute. To see two hundred boys on the floor of the East Boston gymnasium is a sight which tends to justify much public expense. Many of these boys are too poor to buy rubber-soled shoes and therefore appear in stocking, or stockingless feet, but they go through exercises which develop their muscles, straighten their backs, expand their chests and at the same time give them discipline, with a zest and an attention to the instructor's orders and to the rhythm of the movements—as set by the piano—which is warming to the heart of the observer.

One wonders whether the city's money spent in these ways is not more effectively expended than that bestowed upon some of the costly portions of our great park system.

In studying the annual reports of the Bath Department I was struck with the interest exhibited by the superintendents and the medical directors in their individual reports, and in conversing with the employees at the various gymnasia I could see that it is no easy matter to manage the overflowing crowd of boys after the class-work is over and the hour of fun begins.

The problem of bathing these youngsters after the exercises and keeping the peace meanwhile, demands much patience and tact. Often sterner measures are required and the presence of a police officer during the busy hours is a necessity.

Bookkeeping and Supplies.

The bookkeeping at the Department's office, 64 Pemberton Sq., has been satisfactorily done during the past year. The books are in good condition and the accounts properly footed and balanced. Marked improvement over the condition of the books in previous years was noted. I made a few suggestions in regard to labor-saving methods which were promptly accepted by the officers.

I examined the methods for handling supplies and visited the general storeroom of the department.

I spent some hours at the winter quarters of the floating bathhouse fleet at Chelsea bridge, where eleven of these big rafts lie caked in ice and covered with snow. Every cask under these rafts must be taken out, cooped, and replaced annually. Every stick which forms a part of the grids through which the water flows to the inner pool, must be taken out, scraped clean of barnacles, painted and replaced. Every lock on every door of the many bath closets must be taken off, cleaned, oiled and put back at the opening of the season. Repairs on the wooden houses must be made, coats of paint supplied inside and out, etc., etc. Altogether it appeared to me that there was abundant work to be done by the ten men employed at this wharf in the winter. Many of these men have been in the service of the city on these houses for many years. Nearly all the houses are old, some of them twenty-five years or more.

Employees.

There are employed in the winter in the department 73 men and 41 women. In summer 118 women, including those at the sanatories and convenience stations (8 men, 7 women.) Of these winter forces 25 men and 25 women are employed in the gymnasium, 10 men and 8 women at the Dover St. bath house and laundry, 9 men (formerly 24) at the beaches, and 20 men in the

"repair gang," including the ten at the wharf.

At the offices there is a superintendent and a bookkeeper and stenographer. Fifteen men formerly winter watchmen at the small beach houses have recently been discharged. Immediately upon the dismissal of these men great pressure was brought to bear—as is always the case in municipal departments—to have them reinstated, or others appointed in their places. This pressure is the immediate cause of a large part of municipal inefficiency and wastefulness.

The greater portion of city expenditures are for pay rolls. There is in all cities a never ceasing demand for more places, more men, more expenditures, and, unless there is an unyielding determination in a department to withstand this pressure and to keep in service only necessary and efficient men, this pressure will prevail, the additional men will be squeezed in and the pay rolls will grow.

In the Bath Department there appears to have been a fair share of this determination among the trustees to withstand pressure. I am informed that many proposed increases have been opposed and that some decreases have been brought out.

Extensions.

In addition to the baths and gymnasia now in operation there is built and ready for operation a palatial building on Columbia Road costing over \$140,000, with combined functions of bath house, gymnasium, ward room and public library. To maintain and operate this building, when it is opened, may cost \$15,000 or more per annum, a portion of which expense must be borne by the Bath Department. There is on Cabot St., Roxbury, a bath house now partially completed, with baths, swimming pool and gymnasium, which will cost \$15,000 or more per annum to operate. At the North End there is a bath house on North Bennett St. The appropriation for this building was \$90,000, and \$15,000 more is needed to complete and equip it. The cost of operation will probably be about \$16,000 per annum. Further, there is the proposed South Boston gymnasium, for which a foundation was put in five years ago at a cost of about \$8000 (including architects' fees.) Cost of operation will be perhaps \$7000 per annum. In addition there are demands for new buildings on the same luxurious scale for Charlestown, Jamaica Plain and other sections of the city.

It would appear that there will be no end to the expenditures demanded for these purposes, now that the original plan for a few much needed bathing places in the crowded tenement districts has been overthrown in favor of the extravagant proposals for a series of marble palaces in regions of the well-to-do. It is also evident that the danger to the public finances from the Bath Department does not arise so much from inside the Department as from outside; most if not all of the demands for new structures having come from other sources than the Bath Trustees.

Other Matters.

There are many other matters which are well worth attention in this report, such as loss of towels by theft, a thousand a month lost and used up; loss of bathing suits carried off on the person with clothes over them. Teaming expenses \$4500, which includes horse hire and drivers and towel men. Expense of Dover St. laundry where most of the towels are washed, but space is too short to consider them fully.

Bigger questions also need attention. Should the Bath Department be consolidated with the Park Department, or at least with the "Playgrounds" division of the latter? Repairs or replacement of the old East Boston gymnasium are pressing, the consolidation of Wd. 7 and Wd. 9 gymnasia should be brought about, etc.

Conclusions.

The City of Boston should devise and hold strictly to some well considered plan for a number of bath houses of moderate cost, with shower baths and tubs only, together with gymnasias located in the six or seven crowded tenement districts of the city, viz.: North End, South End, Roxbury, South Boston, East Boston and Charlestown, and should confine its winter expenditures to these districts and for these purposes.

With these locations supplied, with suitable houses built, with capable superintendents and instructors appointed, and with uniform and comparative annual reports instituted for each of these houses, Boston could then properly regard itself on these lines as a model which all other cities of the country would do well to follow.

Let these tenement district baths be free except for nominal charges for soap and towels, but let any and all other bath houses in richer sections of the city be self-supporting through reasonable charges for all baths and other facilities.

Such a policy would agree with the methods in use in the great cities of Europe*, where it is generally a point of administrative honor to so carry on the public bath houses that each pays its own way and in addition lays by a considerable surplus each year for improvements. All this being accomplished through charges running from about 5 cents to 12 or more cents, which are very low in comparison with the advantages offered, as these European bath houses are admirably built, equipped and operated.

Very respectfully,
Harvey S. Chase,
Expert Municipal Accountant.

*Refer to an exhaustive article upon Public Baths in Europe by Dr. Hartwell in Bulletin No. 11 of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Ordered printed, and sent up.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF W. J. FLYNN—VETO.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Feb. 18, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I return without my approval your order providing for the payment to Mary Ellen Flynn, widow of William J. Flynn, late a police officer of this city, the balance of the salary to which said Flynn would have been entitled had he lived and served the city until Feb. 1, 1903.

Orders of this kind have their origin in a natural human sympathy, in which we all share, for the bereaved ones, and in a generous impulse which does credit to our nature. Such orders, however, propose pure gratuities for no service rendered or to be rendered to the public, and we have no right to use the public money for the purpose. The public money, raised by taxation, can be used only for the public benefit—for public improvements, for the maintenance of the public establishment and for services rendered to the public. There are exceptions, as in the case of war veterans, the police and firemen, engaged in hazardous service and disabled or worn out by long service therein; and the reasons for placing them in classes by themselves are apparent.

But the pension to a fireman or police officer ceases on his death, and no public money is authorized to be paid to his widow or dependents. The state has not adopted the policy of pensions to civil employees engaged in routine or non-hazardous work, but has set its face against it at every stage. The courts have decided over and over again that the money raised by taxation, and all public money, can be constitutionally used only for the public benefit.

Can it be said that when a city employee dies, a payment to his widow or dependents, for no service rendered to the public, is in any sense a public benefit, or anything whatever but a benefit to the recipient of the bounty? It is merely a gift of the money of the community for no service whatever rendered to it, and is therefore not warranted in public morals. We have no right to give the public money away—even if the public could afford it.

But the city cannot afford it, as you will see more clearly when you come to the making of this year's appropriation bill. It will be seen that, with the small growth of the city's resources on one side and increasing demands, which are imperative, on the other, we shall be sorely pinched in departments of the public service where most labor is required. Any money wasted, diverted or given away, will be at the expense of labor—every \$600 costing one city laborer the loss of a year's employment and the city the loss of his services.

There are on the calendar of the Committee on Cities at the Legislature sixteen more of these bills, introduced, not on petition of the city, but by sympathetic individuals; and it has been my duty, in the interest of the city, to oppose their passage, both on principle and from intimate knowledge of the condition of the city's finances.

I repeat the warning, that if we waste, divert or give away any of the city's money, the loss can fall nowhere except on the city laborers.

Aside from the wrong principle of paying out the City's money for no service rendered to it, as well as the crippling of the labor service by resulting discharge of laborers, it is an accepted fact that Boston is the most liberal employer and the best paymaster for the service rendered and the hours worked, in the whole country. Better than any other employer, Boston provides the rank and file of the men on its payroll with wages to maintain their families and lay up something for the day of misfortune.

Our resources are now sharply strained to meet that payroll, and we cannot afford to carry it beyond the grave, howsoever our sympathies may be quickened by individual misfortunes.

Yours respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Assigned to the next meeting of the Council, on motion of Mr. McKie of Wd. 1.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Thomas G. Washburn, referred December 21, 1903, offering to surrender an alleged invalid tax deed of estate on passageway off Smith St.—leave to withdraw. Accepted in concurrence.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. MCGONAGLE of Wd. 6, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of J. P. O'Riorden (referred January 25) for leave to build a wooden addition—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to J. P. O'Riorden to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 364 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for same purpose.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would like to ask the chairman of the Building Committee when the application for that permit was made?

The CLERK—The petition is dated Jan. 22, 1904.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I have not the slightest objection to the passage of that order in itself; but it seems to me there are matters that have not been reported upon by the Building Committee that are of more vital importance than the matter of the building of a brick wall. The Building Committee seems to be able to make a report on a matter referred to it on the 22nd of January, and has not been able to make a report on a matter referred to it early in the year. I don't know what the reason is, or if there is any good reason. If there is any good reason why the Building Committee has not made a report on the order referred to it pertaining to the investigation of the conditions of the theatres and places of amusement in the City of Boston, I would like to know it. Up to the present time we have heard nothing from that order, and it seems to me that that order is of more vital importance for the consideration of the Building Committee than any order for the construction of a brick wall. I don't see why such an order as this should take precedence over an order that pertains to the safety of the City of Boston.

Mr. MCGONAGLE of Wd. 6—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman in the first division I would like to state at the present time that the committee is investigating the theatres. So far they have investigated two theatres, and tomorrow will proceed to investigate a third. It takes quite a little while—a day—to go around to each theatre; and it is not the fault of the committee that they have not reported. They are doing the best they can. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like to answer the gentleman from Wd. 6, that, if I remember the order I refer to correctly, it asked that a committee be appointed comprising members of various associations in Boston—such as architects, civil engineers, electrical engineers, and so on—to investigate the theatres. I don't remember that the order asked the Building Committee to investigate the condition of the theatres.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, if I remember rightly that order was referred to the Building Committee and the Building Committee had it laid aside, and the other order, asking the Building Committee to investigate the theatres, was taken up. At the present time the investigation is going on. It takes two hours and a half to go through a theatre. The investigation is made in the afternoon. The start is late, and it takes two or three hours before one theatre is gone through. We have an investigation tomorrow afternoon of two other theatres on hand, and it is pretty hard to say at the present time whether we can get through two theatres in an afternoon. The Building Committee, however, is doing its utmost at the present time to visit all the theatres and make a report upon their condition.

The order was passed. Sent up.

BADGES.

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19, for the Special Committee on Badges, submitted the following:

The special committee of the Common Council, appointed to procure badges for the members, respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that the badges are in the custody of the City Messenger for distribution.

Accepted.

CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPLE ST.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body as soon as possible the estimated cost of laying out and con-

structing Temple St., Wd. 23, from Centre to Ivory Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF COTTAGE ST. BRIDGE.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Bridges, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully petitioned to make the necessary repairs on the Cottage St. Bridge, Wd. 2, and open it to public traffic as speedily as possible.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF FIRE-ALARM BOX.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the fire alarm box from the Lowell Schoolhouse to an outside location on Centre St., at the corner of Walden St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

PATRIOTS' DAY.

Mr. MCGONAGLE of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the sum of \$1000 be appropriated to be expended for the celebration of Patriots' Day, April 19, 1904, said sum to be charged to Public Celebrations.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 16.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan order the sum of \$100,000 for a playground in or near precinct seven in Wd. 16.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CARS ON BLUE HILL AVE.

Mr. COUGHLIN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to run more cars on Blue Hill Ave., between 6 A.M. and 8:30 A.M., and 5 P.M. and 7 P.M.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELEVATED STATION, WASHINGTON STREET.

Mr. EWELL of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters appear before the Legislature in favor of the bill for the establishment of an elevated railway station on Washington St., in Boston, between Dover and Northampton Sts.

Passed. Sent up.

CONDITION OF HUNTINGTON AVE.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to keep Huntington Ave. and Massachusetts Ave., in front of Symphony Hall, clean and clear of snow, mud and slush, so that patrons of the hall may pass to and from the cars and cross the street without discomfort and without damage to their clothing.

Referred to the Mayor.

SIGN ON MILWOOD STREET.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to change the sign on the street lamp at Milwood St., Wd. 23, from Jones to Milwood.

Referred to the Mayor.

REVENUE FROM BILLBOARDS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council what revenue, if any, is received by the city from the use of billboards on the line of

the public streets, and by whose permission they are permitted to remain.

Referred to the Mayor.

REVENUE FOR USE OF AREAS.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council whether the City of Boston has the right to exact a revenue for the use of areas, etc., outside the line of the public streets, and, if so, what action is necessary on the part of the City Council to provide for the collection of such revenue.

Referred to the Mayor.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

The President announced the appointment of the Committee on the Celebration on the Opening of the East Boston Tunnel, as follows: Messrs. Crowley of Wd. 2, Stalker of Wd. 1, Carter of Wd. 2, McKie of Wd. 1, Colbert of Wd. 2, Harrington of Wd. 1.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM POLICE BOARD CHAIRMAN.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Police Board, through His Honor the Mayor, inform this body the object of his present lectures, how long they are to continue, and if the past lectures have served to increase or decrease crime.

Also, if in his opinion by a continuing of these lectures, will the city suffer notably as a place for crime or as a model city of the United States.

Also, whether or not, by dispensing with the present lectures, he would be satisfied with his present salary and take a well-earned rest.

Also, by discontinuing this course of lectures, how much time he could give to look after the welfare of the citizens and enforce the law.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair feels compelled to rule the order out of order.

FOREST HILLS — ATLANTIC AVE.
CARS.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the President of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to restore the line of cars running from Forest Hills to Atlantic Ave., via Dudley St. Transfer Station, the same having been lately discontinued.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLACING OF WIRES UNDERGROUND.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Mercantile Affairs of the General Court and advocate the passage of Senate Bill 201, "An Act to Provide for the Placing of Wires Underground in South Boston and Dorchester."

Passed. Sent up.

CONTROL OF HIGHWAYS.

Mr. COLMAN offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Public Lighting of the General Court and advocate the passage of Senate Bill 209 "An Act to Restore the Control of Highways in Cities and Towns."

Passed. Sent up.

SOMERVILLE FIRE-ALARM WHISTLE.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct this Body at its next regular

meeting by whose permission the City of Somerville was granted the right to place a fire-alarm whistle in Wd. 4, Charlestown, and if the City of Boston received any remuneration for the privileges the City of Somerville enjoys in the premises.

Referred to the Mayor.

PUBLICATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to make a contract, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, for publishing the proceedings of the City Council in a daily newspaper in this city for one year from June 1, 1904; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

Referred to the Committee on Printing.

UNION LABEL ON SCHOOL BOOKS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to adopt for text-reference and supplementary books only such publications as bear the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Passed. Sent up.

TRANSFER OF PARK PROPERTY.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Park Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to transfer to the Bath Department the buildings and all other properties now under care of Park Department at the North End Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

FLAGPOLE, NORTH END PARK.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to include in the appropriation of City Messenger Department a sum sufficient for the erection of flagpole at North End Park, the Heights.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CATCH BASIN, HANOVER ST.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause catch basins to be placed at junction of Hanover and North Bennett Sts., Wd. 6.

Referred to the Mayor.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Music Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange as soon as practicable a series of Saturday afternoon concerts for school children in the various sections of the city.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, HILL ST.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to place one electric light in place of two gas lamps on Hill St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Mayor.

COLUMBUS AVE. CAR SERVICE.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to improve the car service on Columbus Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 8:35 P.M., on motion of Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23, to meet on Thursday, March 3, at 7:45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Feb. 29, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-six traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, Mar. 14, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

John McLoughlin, Wd. 19; George W. Clatur, Wd. 17; Thomas Henry Curtis, Wd. 18; Wm. F. Bryan, Wd. 20; Michael J. Downing, Wd. 14; Clesson P. Osborne, Wd. 5; Horace S. Foye, Wd. 3; Winfred C. Burbank, Wd. 25; Albert Miller, Wd. 12; Bernard W. Kenney, Wd. 19; Frank Enos, Jr., Wd. 4; Confucius Chase, Wd. 17; John J. Curry, Wd. 22; Robert H. Leet, Wd. 1; Fredrick W. Schneider, Wd. 12; David E. Sewell, Wd. 14; Thomas Murphy, Wd. 10; John W. Dignan, Wd. 4; Joseph A. Hart, Wd. 19; Wm. F. Harrington, Wd. 3; John H. Killian, Wd. 17; Benjamin Curtis, Wd. 17; Edward E. Moran, Wd. 12; Henry Blackwell, Wd. 19; Michael J. Downing, Wd. 18; Fred W. Nichols, Wd. 10; Joseph C. Burns, Wd. 16; Joseph A. Thompson, Wd. 7; Bartholomew J. Downing, Wd. 17; John T. Murphy, Wd. 12; Francis A. Smith, Wd. 13; Winfield W. Hill, Wd. 1; Richard A. Mehegan, Wd. 4; Alexander C. Forbes, Wd. 24; Percy S. Rogers, Wd. 19; Arthur Rogers, Wd. 19.

HIGH SCHOOLHOUSE YARD, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
February 29th, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen: I transmit herewith a communication from the Schoolhouse Commissioners in reference to your order asking them to prepare plans for remedying "the present deplorable condition of the Dorchester High Schoolhouse yard.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Schoolhouse Department, 120 Boylston St.,
February, 17, 1904.

Honorable Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston:—

Dear Sir: In reply to the order received from your office today in regard to "preparing plans for remedying the present deplorable condition of the Dorchester High Schoolhouse Yard," we beg to state that plans are already being made and as soon as the weather will permit the work will be started on the grading of the grounds around the Dorchester High Schoolhouse.

Very respectfully yours,

F. O. North, Acting Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXTRA TIME FOR MEALS FOR FIREMEN.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
February 29, 1904.

To the City Council: I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your order asking him to allow the firemen an extra half hour for meals.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner, Bristol St.

Boston, February 23, 1904.

His Honor, Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—Referring to the order from the Honorable the City Council, that I be requested to allow firemen an extra half-hour for meals, I beg to respectfully report that, in order to carry out that plan, some 123 extra men would have to be provided, costing for their first year \$88,560 and when full-fledged \$147,600 per annum.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Sent down.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 29, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Fulton S. Bacon (4 Henshaw Terrace, Wd. 23,) and Andrew B. Toomey (31 School St., Wd. 25,) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

NEW PRECINCT LINES, WD. 22.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 29, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, calling attention to the fact that Precinct 1 of Wd. 22 contained at the last City Election over 1000 male voters, and requesting that a new arrangement of precinct lines, as required by Section 162 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, be made at an early date.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Board of Election Commissioners,

Old Court House, Court Sq.

Boston, February 27, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—According to the registration of the last City election, precinct 1 of Wd. 22 contained 1010 male voters.

Chap. 11, Sec. 162, of the Revised Laws, provides that if a voting precinct shall in any year, according to the registration at the preceding annual city election, contain more than 1000 male voters, the Aldermen, on or before the first Monday in July, shall either divide such precinct into two or more voting precincts, or shall make a new division of the ward into voting precincts, so that no precinct shall contain more than one thousand male voters.

We respectfully request that this information be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen.

In our opinion, such division should be made at once in order that listing of residents shall be made according to the lines of the new division.

Respectfully,

Board of Election Commissioners,

John M. Minton, Chairman.

In connection with the above, Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That a special committee of two members be appointed to change the present division of precincts 1 and 2 in Wd. 22, as authorized by Chapter 11, Section 162, of the Revised Laws, and that said committee be requested to report its findings to this Board.

Passed, and Ald. Bromberg and Bresnahan were appointed as said committee.

FIRE BOATS ON JAMAICA POND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., February 29, 1901.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to

allow in Jamaica Pond pleasure boats other than those belonging to the person having the privilege of furnishing boats on that pond.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain Mass.

Boston, February 29, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir: We have received and duly considered the enclosed order from the City Council requesting us "to allow the use of pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond independent of the ones now in the hands of the party or parties which received the privilege from the Park Commissioners."

We have already conceded the right of furnishing row boats on Jamaica Pond for the season of 1904, and, apart from other considerations, we feel that it would be unjust to the one who has this privilege to grant the request of the City Council.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Sent down.

PETITIONS REFUSED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept.

John Morrison Company, for leave to build a wooden building on rear of Sumner St., near Border St., Wd. 2.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, three gas lamps at 26 Central Sq., Wd. 1.

L. Gordon, an illuminated sign, at 42½ Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Raffaele Scopia, a sign, at 218 North St., Wd. 6.

Francesco Saviano, an iron hook, at 13 Sheafe St., Wd. 6.

Cesidio Di Gregorio, a sign, at 220 North St., Wd. 6.

F. Gray & Co., an electric sign, at corner of Washington and Hanover Sts., Wd. 6.

Max Wagner, an illuminated sign, at 9 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Falk & Nathan Cigar Co., an electric sign, at 55 Court St., Wd. 6.

E. E. Gray Co., three petitions for electric signs, viz.: one at 75 Union St., one at 134 Blackstone St., and one at 156 Hanover St., all in Wd. 6.

J. C. Frederick, two gas arc lamps, at 15 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Abraham Karam, a gas arc lamp, at 39 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

H. W. Munch Co., an illuminated sign, at 13 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

Wm. H. Sullivan, two arc lights, at 305 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Ginter Grocery Co., an illuminated sign, at 161 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Edward L. McGonagle, a sign, at 20 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Casper Berry & Co., one gas arc lamp, at 86 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Robert C. Evans, an illuminated mortar, at 9 Norway St., Wd. 10.

Edward F. Fitzgerald, a sign, at 1368 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Aaron R. Bloomberg, a V-shaped sign, at 99 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Charles Bianco, a barber pole, at 1915 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Morris Carman, a sign, at 42 Cabot St., Wd. 18.

John D. O'Connor, sign, 240 Dover St., Wd. 7.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., electric sign, 163 Washington St., Wd. 6.

James H. Semple, sign, 26 Brattle St.

Claims.

Mary A. O'Brien, for payment to John O'Brien of balance from tax sale of estate on Alleghany and Pontiac Sts.

Dennis J. McManus, to be reimbursed \$153.33 expenses incurred by him in defence of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Willis H. Burns, to be reimbursed \$98.13 expenses incurred by him in defence of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer.

Sarah J. Allen, to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, late a patrolman in the Police Department.

Rowes Wharf Provision Co., for compensation for damages to property at 336 Atlantic Ave. caused by the breaking of a water main.

Mrs. J. W. Twombly, for compensation for damages to estate 781 Parker St. by the bursting of a water pipe in Hillside St.

Mrs. Adeline R. Chambers, for compensation for personal injuries from falling on the sidewalk on Warren St., near St. James St., Roxbury.

Wm. R. Clark Estate, for compensation for expense of repairing drain made necessary by blasting by agents of the city.

County Accounts.

Mary A. Gallagher, to be paid for services as a scrub woman at the Suffolk County Court House.

Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect three poles on Soley St., Wd. 5.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect eight poles on Nightingale St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect two poles on River St., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect seven poles on Van Winkle St., Wd. 24.

For leave to remove one pole on River St., Wd. 21.

For leave to remove one pole on Falmouth St., Wd. 10.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

Boston Central Labor Union, on the evening of Mar. 1.

The Socialist Party, on the afternoon of Mar. 6.

Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government, on the afternoon of Mar. 13.

Hearst Labor League, on the evening of Mar. 21.

Board of Health.

Frank L. Burt, M.D., for a renewal of license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 158 West Springfield St., Wd. 12.

Licenses.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 48, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, Norfolk Hall, 328 Washington St., Dorchester, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

George W. Magee, manager, for a permit for Willie Tilden, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week beginning Feb. 29, 1904.

W. D. Andreas, manager, for a permit for Edith Story and other children under 15 years of age to appear at the Park Theatre during the engagement of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," beginning Mar. 7, 1904.

Boston Automobile Dealers' Association, for a license to exhibit automobiles, etc., at Symphony Hall, on Mar. 14 to 19, inclusive.

New England Motor Boat Association, for an exhibition of motor boats and automobiles, at Horticultural Hall, on Mar. 14 to 19, inclusive.

Dahlgren Memorial Hall Association, for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Dahlgren Hall, on E St., corner Silver St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

Michael C. Bellusci, for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at Knights of Progress Hall, 54 Cross St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

Police (Ald.).

St. Mary's Infant Asylum, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Railroads.

Lovejoy's Wharf Trust and the Dennis & Lovejoy W. & W. Co., that the location for tracks across Beverly St. granted to the second named company be transferred to the first named company.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc., viz.:—

1. Hugh L. Stalker, two windows over Brooks St. and two over Eutaw St., from building 178 Brooks St., corner of Eutaw St., Wd. 1.

Mr. J. Henry Stevenson, 41 Princeton St., appeared and objected to the granting of the permit as it would injure the surrounding property.

There being no further objections, the motion was referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. Mercantile Wharf Corporation, a permanent awning at 2-6 Mercantile St., and 84-86 Clinton St., from building on the corner of said streets, Wd. 6.

3. Alfred Sears & Co., a permanent awning, at 3 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

4. Journal Building Trust, a canopy, at 262 Washington St., Wd. 6.

5. Barnard Bennett, two windows, at 35 Allen St., Wd. 8.

6. John F. Corcoran, one window, at 375 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:—

7. For leave to erect thirteen poles on Virginia St., between Bird and Dudley Sts., Wd. 16.

Rev. Charles E. Barnes, of 43 Virginia St., appeared for himself and the other residents of the street, and objected to the proposed erection of poles, on the ground that there is no public necessity for it, and that it would be a serious disfigurement to the street, besides having a detrimental effect upon the values of property.

A written remonstrance was also received from Elisha James.

Mr. Barnes presented a remonstrance signed by the property owners on the street against granting the petition.

The matter was recommitted, with the above remonstrances, to the committee on electric wires; and it was voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, that the Committee be instructed to give a public hearing.

8. For leave to erect four poles on Bulard St., near Nottingham and Rosseter St., Wd. 20.

Joseph J. Nay, for his wife, Katherine G. Nay, appeared and objected to the proposed erection of poles, on the ground that they would disfigure the street and would injure property.

No further objection. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

9. For leave to erect three poles on Atherstone St., between Fuller and Bailey Sts., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

10. For leave to erect five poles on Ashmont St., between Washington and Waldorf Sts., Wd. 24.

Written remonstrances were received from Charles A. Roundy, John C. Mullaly and others, property owners on Ashmont

St., against the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, together with the remonstrance, to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

11. For leave to erect two poles on Brooks St., between Parkman and Newton Sts., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

12. For leave to erect three poles on Harvard Ave., near the Brookline town line, Wd. 25.

Lizzie S. Stone, of 98 Harvard Ave., appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles, on the ground that they would be a detriment to property.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

13. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Brookline Gas Light Company that permission be granted said telephone and telegraph company to attach its wires to three poles of said gas light company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

No objection. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

14. Message from the Mayor transmitting report by Harvey S. Chase, accountant, on the finances and operation of the Bath Department.

Placed on file.

15. Message of the Mayor stating that the care and custody of the monument on Dorchester Heights has been transferred by the Commonwealth to the City of Boston.

Placed on file.

16. Notice from the Common Council of the appointment of Messrs. Crowley of Wd. 2, Stalker, Carter, McKie, Colbert and Harrington on the joint special committee on celebration of the East Boston tunnel.

Placed on file. Chairman Doyle appointed as the committee on the part of the Board, Ald. Slattery, O'Toole, Quigley and Doyle. Notice sent down.

17. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters appear before the Legislature in favor of the bill for the establishment of an elevated railway station on Washington St. in Boston, between Dover and Northampton Sts.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Public Lighting of the General Court and advocate the passage of Senate bill 209—"An Act to restore the control of highways in cities and towns."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

19. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Mercantile Affairs of the General Court, and advocate the passage of Senate bill 201—"An Act to provide for the placing of wires under ground in South Boston and Dorchester."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

20. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to adopt for text, reference and supplementary books only such publications as bear the label of the Allied Printing Trades Council.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to J. P. O'Riordan to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 364 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15, in excess of

size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted: order passed in concurrence.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles on various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Mar. 14, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred today), to erect three poles on Soley St., Wd. 5.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Feb. 15), for leave to erect five poles on Glendale St., Wd. 20.

The Same Company (referred last year), for leave to erect five poles on Pierce Ave., Wd. 24.

The Same Company (referred Feb. 15), for leave to erect one pole on Raymond St., Wd. 25.

The Same Company (referred Feb. 15), for leave to erect six poles on High St., Wd. 20.

The Same Company (referred Feb. 15), for leave to erect five poles on Glen St., Wd. 20.

The Same Company (referred Feb. 15), for leave to erect three poles on Midland St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Reports "that no action is necessary" on the following petitions (severally referred last year):

N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Co. and N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to attach the wires of the first-named company to the poles of the second-named company on Dorchester Ave., corner Crescent Ave., and on Crescent Ave., near Crescent Station.

Bartlett P. Luce and others, that the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., be ordered to move its poles on Walter St., between Jones and Weld Sts., to the east side of the street.

James W. Tobey, for relocation of poles of Postal Telegraph Cable Co. in West Cottage St., and corner said street and Blue Hill Ave.

The American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles in Carson St., Columbia Rd., Old Colony Ave. and C St.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., for leave to erect three poles in Main St., between Haverhill St. and the Somerville line.

Petitions of Brookline Gas Light Co., for leave to erect poles as follows:

Two poles in Sidlaw Rd., Wd. 25.

One pole in Essex St., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect poles, as follows:

Four poles in Central Ave., Dorchester.

Two poles on E St., between Athens and Silver Sts., So. Boston.

Three poles in E St., between West Sixth and West Seventh Sts., So. Boston.

Two poles in Burney St., between Tremont St. and Dell Ave., Wd. 19.

Four poles in South St., between Walk Hill and Bussey Sts., Wd. 23.

Two poles in Burroughs St., between Brewer and Pond Sts., Wd. 23.

Four poles in Cliff St., Wd. 21.

Three poles in F St., Wd. 15.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles, etc., as follows:—

Three poles in Vinson St., near Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.

Eight poles in Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Seven poles in Mill St., Wd. 24, and one pole junction of Preston and Mill Sts.

One pole on Dudley St., between Bartlett St. and Lambert Ave., Wd. 18.

Four poles in Morton St. and four poles in Corbet St., Wd. 24.

Twelve poles in Charles St., Wd. 20 (and to remove two poles.)

Five poles on Rosedale St., between Whitfield and Washington Sts., Wd. 20.

Four poles in Ashmont St., near Arundel Park, Wd. 24.

Four poles in Algonquin St., Wd. 20.

Eight poles in Nixon St., Wd. 20.

Four poles in Princeton St., Wd. 1.

Five poles in Raymond St., Wd. 25.

Poles in Devens and Bow Sts. and Ruth-erford Ave., Wd. 5 (and to remove one pole from Rutherford Ave.)

Eight poles on Moultrie St., Wd. 20.

Five poles in Thornley St., Wd. 20 (and to remove one pole.)

Four poles in Harley St., Wd. 24.

Eight poles in Wheatland Ave. and one corner Kilton St. and Wheatland Ave., Wd. 20.

Seven poles in Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 26.

Four poles in Weld Hill St., Wd. 23.

Four poles in West Tremlett St., Wd. 20.

Three poles in Aldie St., Wd. 25.

Three poles in Hopkins St., Wd. 24.

Twelve poles in Dracut St., Wd. 24.

Three poles in Algonquin St., Wd. 20.

To attach wires to trees on Fourth St., between P and Q Sts., Wd. 14.

To attach wires to five trees on Green St., Wd. 3.

Also an order (referred in 1902) permitting the Kitson Heating and Lighting Company to project "Kitson Lamps" without lettering or advertising thereon upon obtaining a permit therefor from the Superintendent of Streets.

Reports severally accepted.

(3) Report on petition of The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Feb. 15), for leave to erect four poles on Bodwell St., Wd. 16—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Boston Central Labor Union, evening of March 1, 1904.

Hearst Labor League, evening of March 21, 1904.

The Socialist Party, afternoon of March 6.

Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government, afternoon of March 13, 1904.

DECORATING OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That permission be granted to the New England Decorating Company to decorate Faneuil Hall for the New Voters' Festival on March 13.

Passed.

COASTING PROHIBITED.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That so much of the order approved December 2, 1903, as permitted coasting on Park St., Dorchester, and on Kenilworth, Linwood and Highland Sts., Roxbury,—be and hereby is rescinded, as, in the opinion of the Board of Police, coasting on said streets is dangerous.

Passed.

BOATS ON JAMAICA POND.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board whether or not the Board of Park Commissioners have the

right to forbid the use of pleasure boats by individuals owning the same on Jamaica Pond, or to make any rules preventing the use of pleasure boats which are not let for hire by the owners.
Passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 75 newsboys, 4 bootblacks and 3 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear on the stage—recommending that permits be granted, viz:—

W. D. Andreas, Mgr., for Edith Story, et als., to appear at the Park Theatre during the engagement of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," beginning March 7, 1904.

Geo. W. Magee, Mgr., permit for Willie Tilden to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week beginning February 29.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual condition.

(3) Reports on petitions for amusement licenses for season ending August 1, 1904—that licenses be granted, viz:—

Michael C. Bellusci (referred today), Knights of Progress Hall, 54 Cross St.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 48, Norfolk Hall, 323 Washington St., Dorchester.

Chickering & Sons, 153 Tremont St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual condition.

JURY LIST.

The jury list prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners, as provided by Section 5, Chapter 176 of the Revised Laws was received.

In connection with said jury list a further communication was received stating that the following persons, whose names appear on said list, are dead: Thomas Sutton, 147 Chelsea St., Wd. 3; Thomas C. Barclay, 100 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Wd. 17; Charles P. Phillips, 809 Albany St., Wd. 17.

In addition to the above the following persons are either absolutely exempt from jury service or not qualified for such service:—

William P. Gorman, 76 Homer St., Wd. 1; J. Frank O'Brien, 58½ Washington St., Wd. 5; Michele Cangiano, 5 North Sq., Wd. 6; John R. Murray, 27 McLean St., Wd. 8; Henry Parkman, 30 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11; Howard Stockton, 390 Beacon St., Wd. 11; Leverett S. Tuckerman, 201 Bay State Road, Wd. 11; Louis C. Elson, 811 Beacon St., Wd. 11; John H. Fitzsimmons, 52 Palmer St., Wd. 17; John J. Franey, 66 Vernon St., Wd. 18; Henry C. Shriveles, 34 Shepton St., Wd. 24.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, that the jury list as submitted by the Board of Election Commissioners be approved, except as to such names as since said list was printed have been found to have died, or are exempt or not qualified, and also such names as have been drawn since said list was printed.

STORAGE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of the Boston Automobile Station for a license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum on vacant land of N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., corner Berkeley St. and Providence St., Boston—approving of the same.
Approved by the Board.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of section 2, Chapter 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been performed to the amount of \$2082.98.
Approved and ordered paid.

SIDEWALK AND EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS.

Schedules of sidewalk and edgestone assessments on Gay Head St., Wd. 22, amounting to \$2618.08; Parker Hill Ave., Wd. 19, amounting to \$1877.02; Newbury and other streets, amounting to \$4476.14 and Hunneman St., Wd. 17, amounting to \$2523.14 were received from the Superintendent of Streets, and orders were passed—that the persons named in these schedules be and are hereby charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names.

The orders were severally passed.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of George F. Wentworth was received, after having been duly approved of by the City Treasurer.
Approved by the Board.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc.—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, March 14, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:—

Martha W. Weatherbee, et al., bay window, 377 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

B. Ferguson, 1 bay window, 263 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Catherine Neary, 2 bay windows and a cornice, 7 Decatur St., Wd. 3.

Louis P. Hollander & Co., a marquise, 202 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

HIRING OF PLAYGROUND, BRIGHTON

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground as in former years, and to expend not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed. Sent down.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board voted, at 4:05 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:20 P.M.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Charles M. Cunningham (referred Jan. 11), to project an illuminated sign at 30A Warren St., Wd. 21.

Jerry Visconty (referred Feb. 8), to project a barber pole at 1103 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Derrick S. West (referred Feb. 8), to project a sign at 678A Centre St., Wd. 22.

D. P. Hickey (referred Feb. 15), to project a V-sign at 17 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

John D. O'Connor (referred today), to project signs at 240 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Aaron R. Bloomberg (referred today), to project a V-shaped sign at 99 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

— CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Miner Robinson (referred Feb. 8), for a release to him of the city's rights in certain land on Parkman St., Brighton, under a certain tax deed—recommending the passage of the accompanying order, upon recommendation of the city conveyancer:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the city and upon the payment of \$50, to release to Miner Robinson, his heirs and assigns, any and all right, title and interest of the city under and by virtue of the tax deed to it recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1434, p. 296, and by virtue of the possession taken thereunder as per certificate recorded in Book 1819, page 176, in and to the land which is described therein as about 5000 square feet of land on the southerly side of Parkman St., in the Brighton District.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Mary A. O'Brien (referred Feb. 29), for the payment to John O'Brien of the balance remaining in the city treasury from the sale of an estate southwesterly side of Alleghany St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896,—recommending the passage of the accompanying order—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John O'Brien the sum of \$45.02, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, section 40, of the acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwesterly side of Alleghany

St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, page 36.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent down.

— FRANKLIN FUND EXAMINATION.

Ald. SLATTERY submitted the following:—

The Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen to whom was referred (Feb. 8) the petition of J. Mitchel Galvin for the appointment of a committee to examine his accounts as treasurer of the Franklin Fund, having considered the subject, respectfully report that the Committee did not make the examination requested, as it has been decided by the courts, that the Board of Aldermen have no standing as custodians of the Franklin Fund, and they accordingly recommend that the petition be placed on file.

Report accepted.

— TELEPHONE WIRE RIGHT.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That permission be granted to George F. Haskell to stretch a telephone wire from 70 Glendale St. to 388 Columbia road, across Bodwell and Quincy Sts., in such manner as may be approved by the Commissioner of Wires.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

— GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5.23 P.M., on motion of Ald. Frothingham, to meet on Monday, March 7, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 3, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

Upon the President calling the Council to order, Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 said:—

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

The President directed the members to rise and remain standing until counted, and it was found that but thirty-four members were present.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 asked for a roll-call, which was taken, with the following result:—

Present—Abbott, Bell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colkert, Colman, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, MacLoud, Manco-vitz, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams, Wood—45.

Absent—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Carter, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Corboy, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Hanley, Harrington, Jacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Maynard, McDonald, P. A., McKnight, Murray, Reagan, Sullane, Sullivan, D. L., Warner—30.

The PRESIDENT—Forty-five members having responded to their names, a quorum is present.

COST OF EXTENDING TEMPLE ST.,
WD. 23.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., March 3, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of laying-out and constructing Temple St., Wd. 23 from Centre to Ivory Sts. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Street Commissioner's Office,

March 2, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:

Dear Sir: In reply to the order of the Common Council of February 25, last, requesting an estimate of the cost of the laying out and construction of Temple St., Wd. 23, from Centre St. to Ivory St., the Board has to say that the said cost would be about \$66,000. Of this amount it is estimated that the grade damages would cost about \$20,000, the construction about \$34,000 and the sewerage works about \$2,000.

Very respectfully,

Salem D. Charles, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SOMERVILLE FIRE WHISTLE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., March 1, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in answer to your order asking "under what authority the City of Somerville has transferred its fire alarm whistle into the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner,

Bristol St., Boston, Jan. 14, 1904.

His Honor Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:—

Sir: Replying to the request of the Honorable, the Common Council, dated January 7th, I respectfully report that the whistle referred to has not been transferred by the authority of anyone on our side of the line.

Your obedient servant,

H. H. Russell, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Claims—Ellen F. Fillmore, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on an alleged defective sidewalk.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message, transmitting a communication from the Park Commissioners, in response to an order of the City Council, relative to allowing pleasure boats on Jamaica Pond.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message, transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner, in response to an order of the City Council, relative to allowing firemen an extra half hour for meals.

Placed on file.

3. Notice of announcement of appointment of Aldermen Slatery, O'Toole, Quigley and Doyle on the Special Committee on Celebration of Opening of East Boston Tunnel.

Placed on file.

4. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Miner Robinson, referred February 8, recommending the passage of the following order, upon recommendation of the City Conveyancer:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city and upon the payment of \$50, to release to Miner Robinson, his heirs and assigns, any and all right, title and interest of the city under and by virtue of the tax deed to it recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1434, p. 296, and by virtue of the possession taken thereunder as per certificate recorded in Book 1819, page 176, in and to the land which is described therein as about 5000 square feet of land on the southerly side of Parkman St., in the Brighton District.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Richardson of Wd. 25.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Mary A. O'Brien, referred February 29, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John O'Brien the sum of \$45.02, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwesterly side of Alleghany St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, page 36.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. Bell of Wd. 20.

6. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the vacant lot of land belonging to W. W. Marsh, and located on Everett St., Brighton, to be used as a playground as in former years, and to expend not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

CATCH-BASINS, WARD 23.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay out and construct a catch-basin at the southerly corner of Park and Centre Sts.; also at the southerly corner of Corey and Centre Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

BUILDING VIOLATIONS—DEPARTMENT STORES.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court, and oppose the passage of House Bill 167—"An act to extend the building limits of the City of Boston."

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, in offering this order tonight it may seem a little strange that I am asking the Committee on Legislative Matters to go up and oppose a bill introduced for the purpose of extending the building limits of the City of Boston. But the bill which has been introduced into the legislature for action is a bill asking the amendment of section 18 of chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892. This very section which the gentleman who introduced the bill desires to have amended distinctly states that the City Council shall have full power to extend the building limits of the City of Boston whenever it sees fit. As that is the case, and as the City Council already has the power, I deem it an injustice to the City Council for anybody to appear before the legislature and try to usurp the powers which we already have. If it becomes necessary, or is necessary, that the building limits should be extended to South Boston, Roxbury and Charlestown, I think the City Council and not the legislature, is the proper body to consider and act upon the matter. We have been clamoring for home rule and asking the legislature to keep its hands off the affairs of the City of Boston, for a number of years, and here is a case where I believe the Legislative Committee should go up and oppose any legislation endeavoring to usurp the power which the City Council has.

The order was passed. Sent up.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That when the Council adjourns this evening it be to meet again subject to the call of the Chair.

The order was declared rejected. Mr. Bell of Wd. 20 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was declared passed, 23 members having voted in the affirmative, and 22 in the negative.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the order failed of passage, the vote on passing it being—yeas 30, nays 31:

Yeas—Barry, Bell, Brazzell, Conboy, Cook, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Ewell, Gethro, Good, Grady, Graumann, Harrington, Lacey, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKie, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams, Wood—30.

Nays—Abbott, Bradley, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Colman, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Dalton, Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, McGonagle, McKinney, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Reagan, Richardson—31.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Carter, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Fitzgerald, T. F., Gleason, Hanley, Leavitt, McDonald, P. A., Spillane, Warner—14.

INCOME OF PAUPER INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Pauper Institutions Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to include in their annual report an itemized account of the income of their department for the past year, with

the names of all parties from whom money was received.

Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND, WD. 14.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council the advisability of securing the land bounded by M and N, East Eighth and East Ninth Sts., for park or playground purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

DELAYS AT SOUTH STATION.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the Railroad Commissioners to see that prompt action is taken by the railroad companies using the South Station to cause ice and snow to be removed from the tracks and switches, in order to prevent the intolerable delays and inconveniences to which patrons of the railroads are subjected after almost every storm.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE-ALARM BOX, WD. 23.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner be requested to have a fire-box placed at the junction of Roberts and South Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

ENGINE HOUSE, WD. 24.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance include in the first "loan bill" the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for an "engine house" in precinct 8, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PAVING WESTERN AVE.

Mr. BARRY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars for the paving of Western Ave., Brighton, from the Watertown line to the Cambridge line.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LAMP, DACIA ST.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Dacia St., at a point between Woodcliff and Dewey Sts., in Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF ICE, BLUE HILL AVE.

Mr. COUGHLIN offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove the ice that has accumulated on Blue Hill Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

TEAMING PAYMENTS.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the appropriation bill a sufficient sum of money in the appropriation for Street Department to allow for the payment of \$4 per day for single teams and \$6 per day for double teams.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

IMPROVEMENT OF CHELSEA ST.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to reset the edgestones and relay the side-

walks on Chelsea St., Charlestown, from Prospect St. to Chelsea Bridge, Wd. 3.

Referred to the Mayor.

RETAINING WALLS IN DEPARTMENT STORES.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to examine and report to the Council, whether there is any violation of law in the large department stores of Boston in the maintenance of retaining walls.

Referred to the Mayor.

OPERATION OF UNION FREIGHT RAILWAY.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give his opinion to the Common Council at its next meeting on the following questions concerning the Union Freight Railway Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, and having a usual place of business in Boston:

(1) Is there any limitation as to the number of hours in each twenty-four during which the Union Freight Railway Company may operate its cars through the streets of the City of Boston?

(2) Is there any limitation as to the number of cars which may be hauled at one time through the streets of the City of Boston?

(3) If there are any limitations as to the time of operation and length of trains, what is the proper procedure in case these limitations are being violated?

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP KINGSLEY STREET.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place one naphtha lamp on Kingsley St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF WARREN STREET.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Warren St., Brighton, from Cambridge St. to the Brookline line.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET CLEANING DIV., BRIGHTON.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan order a sum sufficient for the establishment of a street-cleaning division in the Brighton District.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REMOVAL OF SNOW, WD. 10.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the accumulations of ice and snow in the gutters and catch-basins in the streets of Wd. 10.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF CITY BUILDINGS.

Mr. CONBOY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and advocate the passage of House Bill 857,—“An act that all construction and repairs of buildings connected with the fire or police departments of the City of Boston shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent

of Public Buildings and the expense of same be defrayed from appropriation for the department for which such work is performed.”

Passed. Sent up.

CLEANING OF COURT STREET.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to clean Court St., between Tremont and Washington Sts., as the present condition of the slush and ice there is a serious inconvenience to the great number of people who travel and cross on said street.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I would not like to let this opportunity go by without saying a word about the deplorable condition of our downtown streets in general, and of this street in particular. This is a street that must be known to all of you members who come that way to City Hall. For several days it has been filled almost a foot deep with slush, without even a place cleaned for a crossing. The condition is helped somewhat today by the little rain we had this morning; but tonight the members will notice that that street is almost impassable. Now, this is a street which is used as much, probably, as any street in Boston, and it is an insult to the people of Boston to have it remain in that condition.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOLLIS ST. THEATRE.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to compel the management of the Hollis St. Theatre to remove enough seats in the first and second balconies of said theatre to make egress safe, and to make such other changes as he deems fit for the protection of the public.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, although I am perfectly well aware of the fact that this order is destined to speedy reference, I feel that I should at this time make some brief explanation of my reason for introducing it. I desire to say that the hysterics which have arisen from the Chicago fire do not furnish my motive for presenting this order. For two years I have been cognizant of the fact that the two upper balconies of the Hollis Street Theatre were not in the condition which the safety of their patrons should make necessary in any theatre in Boston. So within the last two or three weeks I have been making on my own account a few investigations, particularly of the second balcony. I was very much surprised in examining a programme of the theatre to find that the diagrams intended to give to the patrons the proper location of the exits were utterly misleading, and, in the case of the second balcony, in one sense absolutely false. In the diagram which I shall present to the council, to go along with the order, we find the three sides of the balcony as if they were three sides of a rectangle, whereas a rectangle of fully ten feet square is taken out of that larger rectangle to make the exit to and entrance from the street. What is much more remarkable, the aisle which leads away around on the left side of that balcony, at the space where that extra entrance rectangle comes in, is only thirteen inches in width. I measured that myself yesterday afternoon at the matinee, and I know whereof I speak. When there is a crowded house, at least sixty people have to pass through that aisle. That is, taking the ladies and gentlemen in the boxes, who enter from the second balcony, and dividing each of the rows of seats in halves and taking the half nearest the side aisle, it makes, according to my computations, just sixty people out of the seating capacity of 390. Mr. President, an aisle of that

width is a constant menace to everybody who enters that balcony. On this diagram also there are three windows which are labeled "exits to fire escape." I went to those three windows and found that each one of them was barred with a wooden bar two and one-half inches in width and an inch in thickness. In case of a panic people rushing to those windows would be pushed against them. We know where the pressure would come from—from the back; and it would be impossible to remove those bars, even if tools were available. I saw no tools there, and the bars are carefully screwed on. There are two exits, both in the rear of the balcony—one which goes to the first balcony and thence down to the floor; so that the exit there, when it is used in case of emergency, would direct people down to a balcony already congested, for that balcony has two exits—not like the doors of this chamber, but hatchways cut in the floor and guarded by steel rails. Those exits are in about the same relative position to that balcony that the two doors of this chamber are. For that reason people come from the back and from the front of the balcony, and a serious congestion there is sure to occur in case of emergencies; and certainly it could not stand any more than the second balcony. In other words, there is only one practical escape, and that is reached by narrow aisles and is in the extreme rear corner of the balcony. I do not desire to advertise any other theatre, but it is a well known fact that the theatre which is now considered the standard theatre in the matter of exits in Boston—the Tremont Theatre—has no less than six exits, two exits at the rear of that second balcony and two on each side. Of course, some of those are emergency exits, but I think four of them—and I know at least three of them—are practical at all times. I attended a performance given at the Hollis St. Theatre by Miss Adams two weeks ago and got a seat in that balcony, knowing that it would be fairly well filled; and, I found, from timing the exit of the audience at that time, that it was eleven minutes before the last one in the crowd—I am not referring to those who stayed behind to find lost articles, but to the crowd—got down to the air of the street. It seems to me it is a very serious matter for any theatre to be in that condition, and it is simply with an idea that this may be somewhat remedied that I have called attention to it. I have no objection to whatever reference the Chair may see fit to make of the order which I have presented.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I would like to state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 21, that the Building Committee at the present time are making notes of the different defects in the theatres, and in due time they will report to the Council the notes they have taken of the different theatres. Tonight, the committee wish to state that to read to the Council the notes of the different theatres which they have visited, as those notes have been made by the committee, would probably consume an hour or an hour and a half of the Council's time. In due time the committee will report to the Council, and the Council will have the benefit of the notes which the committee has taken in reference to the different theatres.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman who has volunteered to speak for the Building Committee, how many theatres the Building Committee have visited at the present time?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the discussion is hardly relevant at this time, the question being on the reference of this order to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I supposed that, as long as the gentleman from Wd. 18 was given the courtesy of being permitted to make that statement, I might also be given the courtesy of asking for a reply from him.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw his objection, in case the gentleman from Wd. 18 desires to answer.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 23, I wish to state that he has visited already four theatres, and that tomorrow there is another theatre to be visited; and we have engagements to visit other theatres in the near future. (Laughter.)

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President and members of the Council, I can well supplement the statements of the gentleman from Wd. 21 by describing defects in numerous other theatres—which the Council has once shown a desire not to hear, and unless requested to do so, I do not care to burden the Council with them further. Notwithstanding that it was reported at a hearing at the State House that I, upon consultation with some insurance people, withheld the facts in regard to specific theatres, I am perfectly willing and glad to give detailed facts of defects in many of the theatres of Boston, and to give them as specifically as the members of the Building Committee, or any other committee, which has this matter under consideration, will request. I think that information regarding defects in these theatres can be obtained in the reports made to the Building Commissioner by the inspectors, which reports have been completed, but which the Building Commissioner refuses to allow the members of the City Government to look at. I am informed by a member of the Building Committee that the Building Commissioner refused that committee permission to look at them; and I personally have asked him, and he has refused permission to me to examine those reports. I think it is a serious matter, one of public concern, and which the public ought to know about, that such a state of facts exists; and I trust that the public utterance of it will cause the Building Commissioner to allow the members of the City Government at least to examine what ought to be a public document—since it was obtained by inspectors paid by the city of Boston.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I would like to have the order read again, for information.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will not order the order read again.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, I think it is only fair that I should say one thing which I had forgotten. I do not think I should object to certain conditions in that theater and forget to mention conditions that are good—for that is not fair. They have a most excellent fire curtain—which would obviate to a certain extent danger from fire; but we can all imagine the condition which some people get into by seeing such acting as Henry Irving presents in "The Bells," or even that of Charles Warner in "Drink," and we can imagine that under those conditions a panic might easily be precipitated. It is more to provide against a panic, which is a greater danger than the danger of fire, that I have called the attention of the Council to these particular facts.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, might I for a moment ask the indulgence of the Chair to ask the gentleman from Wd. 18 if he will inform me if the Building Committee contemplates visiting that class of theatres called museums?

Mr. FAY—For the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 13, the Building Committee intend to visit all theatres and places of amusement, and all halls where public meetings are held, and make a report to the Council in due time.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

APPROPRIATION FOR MEMORIAL

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the sum of \$3200 be appropriated for a fitting celebration of Memorial Day, May 30, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for public celebrations.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATION FOR JUNE 17TH.
DAY.

Mr. MURRAY offered an order—That the sum of \$7000 be appropriated for a fitting celebration of Bunker Hill Day, June 17, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Celebrations.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM CITY
ENGINEER.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, furnish the City Council a list of all employees in his division that live outside of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

SALT-WATER SYSTEM, FIRE DE-
PARTMENT.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, inform this body the cost of an auxiliary system of salt-water mains for use in preventing conflagrations in the business district of the city, and if it could be a source of revenue and profit to city in case of installation. Also, if anything happens in case of a big fire to cut off the city's supply of water for two

or three hours, what would be done in a case of this kind.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAVING OF STREETS.

Mr. SPILLANE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pave with asphalt, or some similar noise-reducing paving, Smith St., between Phillips and St. Alphonsus Sts., and St. Alphonsus St., between Tremont and Smith Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF CONVENIENCE STA-
TIONS.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit his opinion to the Common Council as to where the authority would be vested for the removal of the public convenience stations on the Common, near the corner of Boylston and Tremont Sts., and in the passageway between Blackstone and Endicott Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 moved that the Council do now adjourn.

The question was put, and the Chair being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote, which was taken, and the Council voted to adjourn, thirty-five members having voted in the affirmative, 8 in the negative.

Adjourned at 8:45 P.M., to meet on Thursday, Mar. 10, at 7:45 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 7, 1904.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three o'clock P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding.

Absent—Ald. Curley.

On motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, the reading of the record of the last meeting was dispensed with.

PAY OF CITY LABORERS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., March 7, 1904.

To the City Council:—

The following order, passed by the two branches of the City Council, in concurrence, was received by me early in January:—

"Ordered, That the heads of departments employing laborers be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to increase the pay of such laborers from two dollars per day, now paid, to two dollars and twenty-five cents per day."

This belongs to a class of orders passed by one or both branches of the Council, from time to time—in most cases without discussion or debate—requesting increased pay, shorter hours, double pay for night work, Sunday work, etc., but none providing the ways and means, or suggesting how the proposed increased expense could be met.

By statute law the power—and the responsibility attached to it—to hire, discharge and fix the wages of laborers in the city service is vested in the heads of departments, subject to the control and supervision of the Mayor, and it is not competent nor lawful for the Council to assume to exercise that power. The passage of such orders, therefore, is an invasion by one branch of the Government of the domain of another, against the plain letter of the law, and serves only to raise expectations that cannot be realized, to create discontent, and to profess a liberality that has no substantial existence.

But if it were otherwise,—if it were competent for the Council to pass such orders, and the duty of the executive to heed them,—what is asked could not be done without gross injustice to the taxpayers, as well as loss of employment to a large number of men.

The week the above-recited order was passed, there were 2539 laborers on City payrolls getting \$2 a day each. Assuming the week to be an average one, it would cost \$198,755 a year to give these men 25c. a day extra. This amount represents the pay of 316 laborers for a full year at \$2.00 a day each, and the support of 316 families. If I should carry out your generous wishes, 316 laborers would have to be discharged at once, to get employment elsewhere, if at all, with longer hours and smaller and uncertain pay.

The resources of the City are fully taxed to pay the demands upon it under the present rate of wages, and it follows that if wages are increased, men must be discharged. I do not propose to cripple the working force of the City by depriving it of over three hundred laborers, nor to turn those laborers into the street to earn a precarious living.

The city laborers work but 44 hours a week,—having a Saturday half-holiday the year round; they are paid full wages for all holidays; they get 25 to 30 per cent. more pay than laborers outside; they have steady employment, and their wages are promptly paid. No laborers in the Union are better treated,—if any be treated as

well,—and the men themselves appreciate that they serve the most liberal of employers.

It is well, once for all, to compare the wages, hours of labor, holiday time and general treatment of city laborers in Boston with the conditions in certain other cities. The result shows that Boston is infinitely the most generous of all municipal employers, with exceptions so few and slight that they serve only to emphasize the truth of the statement.

The following is a summary of the reports from eleven of the great cities of the Union and from the other cities of Massachusetts:

New York—\$2 per day; 8 hours; no Saturday half-holiday; no extra pay for Sunday or night work; no pay when sick.

Chicago—\$1.50 to \$2.25 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay for Sunday work; times and one-half for night work; no pay when sick.

Philadelphia—\$1.50 to \$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; double time for Sunday work; no pay when sick.

St. Louis—\$1.50 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; pay when disabled in service, but not when sick otherwise.

Baltimore—\$1.66 2-3 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Cleveland—\$1.60 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Buffalo—\$1.50 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; double time for Sunday work; no pay when sick.

Pittsburg—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Cincinnati—\$1.50 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Milwaukee—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Milwaukee—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

St. Paul—\$1.60 to \$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when sick.

Worcester—\$1.85 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Fall River—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Lowell—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; time and one-half for Sunday work; no extra pay for night work; no pay when disabled or sick.

Cambridge—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday six months; no extra pay; pay when disabled—by special order of Council; no pay when sick.

Lynn—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday; no extra pay; pay when disabled by small injuries; no pay when sick.

Lawrence—2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; sometimes paid when disabled, but report doubtful if it is to continue; no pay when sick.

New Bedford—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; pay when disabled; no pay when sick.

Springfield—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours, 5 days; 7 hours, Saturday; no extra pay; no rule about injuries; no pay when sick.

Somerville—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday July and August; no extra pay; pay when disabled in service, but not when sick.

Holyoke—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; time and one-half pay for Sunday or night work; pay when disabled through no fault of their own; no pay when sick.

Brockton—\$2.25 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Haverhill—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; pay when disabled without their fault; no pay when sick.

Salem—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday in July and August; no extra pay; sometimes paid when disabled; no pay when sick.

Chelsea—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; pay when disabled; no pay when sick.

Malden—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Everett—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Quincy—\$1.75 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay for Sunday work; time and one-half pay for night work; pay for reasonable time when disabled in service—unless suit is entered; no pay when sick.

Waltham—\$1.80 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; sometimes paid if disabled 60 days; no pay when sick.

Brookline—Laborers \$1.75 per day, drivers \$2.00; 8 hours; half-holiday July and August; no extra pay; in some cases pay when disabled; no pay when sick.

Medford—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; half-holiday July and August; no extra pay; sometimes paid when disabled; no pay when sick.

Beverly—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

Melrose—\$2.00 per day; 8 hours; no half-holiday; no extra pay; no pay when disabled or sick.

A study of this comparison will, I am satisfied, convince the Council that we are far in advance in our generosity to the City employees, and that, considering our resources, the limit has been reached.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sent down.

REMOVAL OF CONSTABLE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., March 7, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that Henry A. Brown has this day been removed from the office of Constable of the City of Boston.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

State Street Association, for leave to construct cellar bottom of building 7-9 Broad St. at Grade 6.

Petitions for leave to project signs etc., viz:—

Joseph Waldstein, a sign, at 33 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Housman & Co., an electric sign, at 24 Avery St., Wd. 7.

Wm. C. Merkle, a sign, at 110 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Washington Credit Co., an illuminated sign, at 782 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Smith & Smullen Co., an illuminated sign, at 16 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Thomas W. Byrne, an illuminated sign, at 8 Doane St., Wd. 7.

Francis Sawyer, a V shaped sign, at 35 Province St., Wd. 7.

Owen F. Sweeney, a barber pole, at 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

William P. Watson, a barber pole, at 1093 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Thomas Sjarlata, 3 barber poles, at 246 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Claims.

Maurice Noonan, to be paid for injuries he received while employed by the city.

Cornelius Spillane, for compensation for catch basin in front of 47 E. Dedham St.

T. Edward Tuttle, Trustee, for compensation for damages to fence at 695 Columbus road, Wd. 20, by employees of the city.

Caroline H. Chute, for compensation for damage to property 95 Clifton St., caused by overflow of sewer in said street.

Eliza Thornley, for compensation for damages to property 97 Clifton St., caused by overflow of sewer in said street.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Joseph Amia, for removal of a tree at 194 Adams St., Dorchester.

Licenses.

Frank W. Mead and Jacob B. Basch, for license for a wrestling match at the Central Athletic Club, cor. Green and Chardon Sts., on March 15, 1904.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to attach its wires to one tree on Vine St. and five trees on Forest St.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz:—

For leave to erect one pole on W. Sixth St.

For leave to erect one pole on W. Seventh St.

Public Improvements.

Richard H. Dana, trustee, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 7 Post Office Sq., Wd. 6.

W. M. Pike & Sons, for leave to erect guy posts and stretch guy ropes on East Eighth and East Seventh Sts., Wd. 14.

C. A. Dodge & Co., for leave to erect guy posts on A and Summer Sts., Wd. 13.

Young Men's Christian Association of Mass. and R. I. (State Executive Committee), for leave to place patent sidewalk light covers at 167 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Jenney Manufacturing Co., for leave to lay three 2-inch iron pipes under the sidewalk on First St., between D and E Sts., South Boston.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and oppose the passage of House bill 167—"An Act to extend the building limits of the City of Boston."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

2. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and advocate the passage of House bill 857—"An Act that all construction and repairs on buildings connected with the Fire or Police Departments of the City of Boston shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and the expense of the same be defrayed from appropriation for the department for which such work is performed."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

The CHAIRMAN called up No. 3, unfinished business, viz:—

3. Action on appointments of Fulton S. Bacon and Andrew B. Toomey to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and B'omberg. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yeas 10, and the appointments were confirmed.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Schedules were received from the office of the Superintendent of Streets setting forth the cost of constructing sidewalks in

front of Ridgemont St., Wd. 25; Ridgemont and Eleanor St., Wd. 25, amounting to \$2901, and in front of estates on Marcella St., Wd. 22, amounting to \$921.53; with orders—That the person named in the said schedules be charged and assessed with one-half the sum assessed to their respective names, as their proportional part of the cost of constructing said sidewalks.

PLEASURE BOATS ON JAMAICA POND.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,

Law Department, 73 Tremont St.

Boston, March 7, 1904.

The Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:—In reply to your request that I inform the Board "whether or not the Board of Park Commissioners have the right to forbid the use of pleasure boats by individuals owning the same on Jamaica Pond, or to make any rules preventing the use of pleasure boats which are not let for hire by the owners," I have to say that the charge of, and the way in which, Jamaica Pond and the other public parks shall be used is entirely with the Board of Park Commissioners, who are required to establish such rules and regulations for the government of the parks as the commissioners shall deem best for the convenience and safety of the public in the use and enjoyment of the parks.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.
Placed on file.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred February 29), permitting George F. Haskell to stretch a telephone wire from 70 Glendale St. to 338 Columbia Road—that the said order ought to pass.

(2) Report on the petition of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommended February 29), for leave to erect poles in Virginia St., Wd. 16—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, March 21, at 3 P.M., on the following petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.:—

1. For leave to erect poles in Ware and Rill Sts., Wd. 20.

2. For leave to erect seven poles in Van Winkle St., Wd. 24.

3. For leave to erect 36 poles in Bellevue St., Wd. 23.

4. For leave to erect two poles in River St., Wd. 24.

5. For leave to erect eight poles in Nightingale St., Wd. 20.

6. For leave to erect poles in Richfield and Barry Sts., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(4) Reports on petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. (severally referred Feb. 29), for leave to remove poles on River St., Wd. 24, and on St. Paul St., Wd. 10—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to remove from River St., near Oakland St., Wd. 24, one pole shown by a black cross on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated February 17, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to remove from St. Paul St., near Falmouth St., Wd. 10, one pole shown by a red dot on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated February 17, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 31 newsboys, 10 peddlers and 2 vendors.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions referred February 29—recommending that licenses be granted, as follows:—

New England Motor Boat Association, for an exhibition of motor boats and automobiles at Horticultural Hall on March 14 to 19, inclusive.

Dahlgren Memorial Hall Association, license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Dahlgren Hall, on E St., corner Silver St., for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Boston Automobile Dealers' Association, license to exhibit automobiles, etc., at Symphony Hall, March 14 to 19, inclusive.

Frank W. Mead and Jacob B. Basch (referred today), for a wrestling match at the Central Athletic Club, cor. Green and Chardon Sts., March 15, 1904.

FOWLS KILLED BY DOGS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted reports recommending the passage of the following orders:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to William Gilman (petition referred February 8), the sum of \$13, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 21, 1904, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Annie Cavanagh (petition referred February 15), the sum of \$12, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 31, 1904, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the St. Mary's Infant Asylum (petition referred February 29), the sum of \$31, in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs January 20, 1904, said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending that petitioners have leave to withdraw, as follows:—

Proprietors of Rowes Wharf (referred January 25), for damage to property caused by bursting of water main January 9, 1904 (suit having been entered against the city).

Mrs. Adline R. Chambers (referred February 29), for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Warren St. December 28, 1903.

Francis M. Kelley (referred January 11), for compensation for damage to wagon caused by alleged defective condition of Parker Hill Ave. October 20, 1903.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw. Sent down.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of March, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed.

TIME EXTENSION FOR AREAS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the limit of time expressed in the orders of the Board of Aldermen, passed March 9, 1903, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits to R. M. Bradley, Trustee, to construct areas with patent sidewalk covers in and under the sidewalks of Numbers 7 and 9 Broad St., and in front of No. 31 Doane St., Wd. 6, be and the same is hereby extended to November 15, 1904.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ON CLARKSON ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Clarkson St., between Hamilton and Quincy Sts., Wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WAGES OF SUB-FOREMEN AND INSPECTORS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to fix the wages of the Sub-foremen and Inspectors in the Sanitary and Street-Cleaning Division at \$3.50 per day, the same as in the other divisions of the Street Department.

Passed. Sent down.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 3.43 P.M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman, at 5.33 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on message of the Mayor recommending a loan of \$600,000 for highways (referred February 15), recommending the passage of the order accompanying the same and that said message be sent down. The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 10, nays none.

Sent down.

(2) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Committee on Legislative Matters to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and oppose the passage of House bill 167—"An Act to Extend the Building Limits of the City of Boston"—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence.

(3) Report on the order (referred February 15), requesting the Committee on Legislative Matters to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court and advocate the passage of Senate bill 5—"An Act to Provide for the Appointment of the Members of the Board of Police for the City of Boston"—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in concurrence.

(4) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto, as follows:—

Richard H. Dana, Trustee, to place, maintain and use a coal-hole opening 14 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, over the present area in the sidewalk in front of estate 7 Post Office Sq., Wd. 6.

C. A. Dodge & Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows:—

Two in A St., at or near Summer St.

Three in Summer St., at or near A St., Wd. 13, for use during the erection of a building.

W. M. Pike & Sons, to erect, maintain and use two guy posts, with ropes attached, in and over East Ninth St., between N and O Sts., and to stretch guy ropes over and across East Seventh St., between N and O Sts., Wd. 14, for use

during the erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston.

State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of Mass. and Rhode Island, to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the present area in the sidewalk in front of 167 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Report on the petitions of the Richmond Street Stable Company (referred February 1), to allow sleighs to remain on street when changing from wagons to sleighs—that no further action is necessary. Report accepted.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

Frank Delano (referred February 1), to project an illuminated sign at 26 School St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Waldstein (referred today), to project a sign at 33 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Raffaele Scopa (referred February 29), to project a sign at 216 North St., Wd. 6.

H. Swartz (referred February 1), to project a sign at 15 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Cesidio Di Gregorio (referred February 29), to project a sign at 220 North St., Wd. 6.

Edward A. McGonagle (referred February 29), to project a sign at 20 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Edward F. Fitzgerald (referred February 29), to project a sign at 1368 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Morris Carman (referred February 29), to project a sign at 42 Cabot St., Wd. 18.

Charles Bianco (referred February 29), to project a barber pole at 1915 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Fox Brothers (referred January 18), to project an illuminated sign at 685 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

J. B. Hunter & Co (referred January 25), to project an electric illuminated sign at 60 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Patrick Tivnan (recommitted from last year), to project two bay windows from building 721 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Francesco Saviano (referred February 29), for leave to project an iron hook at 13 Sheafe St., Wd. 6—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; petitioner given leave to withdraw.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of The New England Anti-Saloon League (referred February 15), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of March 16—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ROWING REGATTA, JULY 4.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, offered an order—That the Committee on Appropriations be requested to provide in the appropriation bill the sum of One Thousand Dollars for a Rowing Regatta on the Charles River on July Fourth, under the auspices of the New England Amateur Rowing Association.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

REMOVAL OF DISFIGURING SIGNS.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Boston Transit Commission be requested to prevent the use of any of the structures erected in or near the streets of the

City of Boston under their control for bill-posting or sign-board purposes, such use being in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen a disfigurement of the streets and not authorized in the laws granting the use of the streets for transit purposes.

The CHAIRMAN—The order will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, may I ask to have that reference withdrawn? I would like to have that order go through today, if possible, because I have noticed particularly in coming through one of our public squares in the city here today—Scollay Sq.—that a large temporary structure is being built there, and boards are being placed in position upon the structure. I noticed also that advertising space was being advertised for sale. I don't think the Transit Commission or any other Commission has a right to allow the use of the streets for any such purpose. I consider that signs of that kind are a disfigurement of our public highways, and I think it is an outrage that they should be allowed to be placed in such conspicuous positions. I trust that the reference will be withdrawn so that the order may go on its passage at this time.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that he felt that the order should take that reference, because certain contracts have been made in regard to that building, and the Chair thinks the ruling ought to stand. However, if the gentleman desires to ask a suspension of the rule, he has a right to do so.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, previous to making that motion, I desire to state that my object is to prevent, if possible, further encroachment on the structure before there is an opportunity to complete the work they have commenced. It is at the present time in process of construction. I think now is the proper time to act. If this is laid over for a week the building will probably be covered over with these great, ugly advertising signs. It is a disfigurement of our public streets, and I think we should act at once, that the order should not lie over for even a week. I move a suspension of the rules, that it may be passed at this time.

The rule was declared not suspended.

Ald. BROMBERG doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The rule was suspended, yeas 9, nays 2, Ald. Doyle and Hennessey voting nay.

The question came on the passage of the order, which was read for the information of Ald. Hennessey.

Ald. BROMBERG—This is simply a request, Mr. Chairman, to the Transit Commission, which I trust will result in giving this Board the desired information and also in enabling the Transit Commission to understand the sentiment which inclines the Board towards this measure. I don't think the Transit Commission has any right to allow a contractor who erects a temporary structure in our streets to use the structure for any such purpose. It is a disfigurement of our streets—particularly outrageous in a large square like Scollay Sq. I think the sooner these great sign-boards are done away with the better it will be for the City, and that the outrage should not continue if our request of the Transit Commission can prevent it. I certainly trust that the Transit Commission will see the justice of the request and will refuse to grant any further permission to anybody to put up these sign-boards in the streets of our City.

The order was passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES, FIFTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees from in front of 635 Fifth St., South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

STUDENTS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Committee on Hospital Department be requested to consider and report on the advisability of permitting students of any incorporated medical college to attend the lectures and clinics at the City Hospital or other city institutions.

Referred to the Committee on Hospital Department.

ASPHALTING EUSTIS ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to asphalt Eustis St. in front of the Albert Palmer School; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 5.45 P.M., on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, to meet on Monday, March 14, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council

Thursday, March 10, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

FIRE ALARM BOX, LOWELL SCHOOLHOUSE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., March 10, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your order asking that the fire alarm box be removed from the Lowell schoolhouse.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Fire Commissioner,

Bristol Street,

Boston, March 7, 1904.

His Honor Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:

Sir:—Referring to the request of The Honorable, The Common Council that the fire-alarm box be moved from the Lowell Schoolhouse to an outside location, I respectfully report that it was placed in the building by the Auxiliary Fire Alarm Company for the use of the school. Box 259 is located on Centre, near Parker Street, 600 feet from the corner suggested, and box 288 at the corner of Gay Head and Round Hill Streets 700 feet from the same point, giving the locality, in my opinion, plenty of protection if properly used.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message relative to increasing pay of laborers to \$2.25 per diem. Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the City Auditor and recommending the early passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That, under chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, as amended by chapter 199 of the Acts of 1901 and chapter 521 of the Acts of 1902, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) be appropriated for the Making of Highways and other purposes provided for in said Acts; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount.

On motion of Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21, the order was assigned to 8.20 P.M.

Later in the session it was taken up by the Chair, read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

On motion of Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23, the message was read for information.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 moved that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Council; declared lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I do not believe that the members of this Council know enough about this order at the present time to pass it. I find on reference to the Auditor's report for 1902 that of a similar loan \$305,000 was expended on interest and sinking fund requirements, while only \$79,000 was spent in the actual construction of highways. Now, Mr. President, if over 70 per cent. of this \$600,000 is to be expended for the interest on past loans and for the sinking fund requirements on past loans, it is a very vicious

order; it is wildcat finance. I am not prepared to say that that is so at this time, but I believe that the Council should take time to investigate the matter. I hope assignment will prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question is now on the passage of the order. If the gentleman desires to doubt the vote whereby assignment was refused, the Chair will entertain the doubt. Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote on assignment and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The motion to assign the order to the next meeting was lost, yeas 19, nays 47:—

Yeas—Abbott, Bell, Collins, H. J., Cook, Dalton, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams—19.

Nays—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Jepson, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—47.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Dolan, Drummond, Ewell, Hourin, Kelley, McDonald, J. M., Rachkowsky, Richardson—9.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order—that Rule 19 of the Rules of the Common Council provide that "No ordinance and no order or resolution imposing penalties, or authorizing the expenditure of money, shall have more than one reading on the same day; but this rule shall not apply to an order to print a document."

Under that rule, Mr. President, the order having already had one reading, it cannot have a second reading this evening.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is well taken.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that the rule be suspended, that the order may go upon its passage.

The motion to suspend the rule was declared carried. Mr. FERBER doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rollcall.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to suspend the rules was carried—yeas 47, nays 19:—

Yeas—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—47.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Colbert, Cook, Dalton, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams—19.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Collins, H. J., Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Drummond, Ewell, McDonald, J. M., Rachkowsky, Richardson—9.

The order was passed in concurrence—yeas 52, nays 15:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott,

McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—52.

Nays—Bell, Cook, Dalton, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, Leavitt, McKie, Pierce, Price, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams—15.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Collins, H. J., Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Drummond, Ewell, Rachkowsky, Richardson—8.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of the proprietors of Rowe's Wharf, referred January 25, for damage to property caused by bursting of water main, January 9, 1904—leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of same committee on petition of Mrs. Adline R. Chambers, referred February 29, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Warren St., December 28, 1903—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Francis M. Kelley, referred January 11, for compensation for damage to wagon caused by alleged defective condition of Parker Hill Ave., October 20, 1903—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to fix the wages of the sub-foremen and inspectors in the Sanitary and Street-Cleaning Divisions at \$3.50 per day, the same as in the other divisions of the Street Department.

Passed in concurrence.

INSPECTION OF THEATRES.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Building Committee report at the next meeting of the Common Council the names of all the theatres it has inspected, how each one is observing the building laws and what recommendations the committee have to offer in regard to each one they have inspected; also at each succeeding meeting of the Common Council, the committee shall report its doings regarding inspection of theatres and places of amusement.

Passed. Sent up.

EXTENSION OF FAXON ST.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered an order—That the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to extend Faxon St., from Smith to Conant St., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, WD. 19.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric arc lamp at the junction of Calumet, Darling and Pequoit Sts., Wd. 19.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, March, 24, 1904, at 7.45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

LOAN OF BELL.

Mr. BRAZZELL of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to loan to the Bostonian Society the bell inscribed "T. B., 1773," now stored in the Old Court House.

Passed. Sent up.

COMMONWEALTH PARK EXPENDITURES.

Mr. BRAZZELL offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why the loan of ten thousand dollars, heretofore authorized for Commonwealth Park, sanitary, open-air gymnasium and grading, has not yet been issued.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF CARLETON ST.

Mr. MacLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report to this body the probable cost of grading and paving Carleton St., Wd. 12, between Newton and Wellington Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF HIGHLAND ST.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Highland St., from Centre St. to Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASIN, WD. 22.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a catch-basin at the corner of Chestnut Ave. and Roys St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAVING OF CENTRE ST.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$9500 for the paving of Centre St., from Columbus Ave. to Walden St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 14.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface the following streets in Wd. 22, viz.:

Amory St., between Centre and Boylston Sts.; Chestnut Ave., between Roys and Wyman Sts.; Armstrong St., between Chestnut Ave. and Mozart St.; Ashley St., between Chestnut Ave. and Armstrong St.; Albert St., between Bromley Park and Heath St.; Bromley St., between Bromley Park and Heath St.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIST OF CONTRACTS.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the City Council, the names of the individuals, firms, or corporations performing work for the city of Boston under his department, for which his department guarantees the payment of materials furnished such individuals, firm or corporation, or where the City has furnished or agreed to furnish such materials, on which contract the individual, firm, or corporation is guaranteed a certain percentage on the amount of cost of said work, also when and where the work was done and the amount paid to each, and what it amounted to in percentage; or if there have been any contracts let out where the contractor is allowed a certain per cent. on the cost of his labor as his profit for doing the work.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the City Council with a complete list of all contracts which have been let out

by his department since Jan. 1, 1903, to date, which were not publicly advertised, where the amount paid on the contract has amounted to \$2000 or over (including what extras were allowed), what kind of work was done on the said contract, when and where such contract or work was performed, and the name of the individual, firm or corporation doing the same.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF THEATRES.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to transmit to the City Council the reports of his recent inspection into the condition of theatres; also, what improvements have been made if any since said inspection, and what theatres, if any, have refused to accept any of his recommendations.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF ICE FOR PARADES.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to immediately employ five hundred more men to clear the streets of ice for the parades to be held in the city and So. Boston on Evacuation Day, March 17th.

Referred to the Mayor.

CLAIMS REPORTS.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20 called up Nos. 7 and 8, assignments, viz:—

7. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Miner Robinson, referred February 8, recommending the passage of the following order, upon recommendation of the City Conveyancer:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the city and upon the payment of fifty dollars to release to Miner Robinson, his heirs and assigns, any and all right, title and interest of the city under and by virtue of the tax deed to it recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1434, page 296, and by virtue of the possession

taken thereunder as per certificate recorded in Book 1819, page 176 in and to the land which is described therein as about five thousand square feet of land on the southerly side of Parkman St., in the Brighton District.

8. Report of same committee on petition of Mary A. O'Brien referred Feb. 29, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John O'Brien the sum of forty-five and two one-hundredths dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on southwesterly side of Alleghany St. for unpaid taxes of the year 1896 by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2500, page 36.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed in concurrence.

WARD ROOM, WARD 16.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered the following:—

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the fourth section thereof in the clause establishing the location of the ward-room in Wd. 16, by striking out the words "Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner" and inserting in place thereof the words "Municipal Building, Columbia Road."

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

CATCH-BASIN, BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Mr. COUGHLIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a catch-basin in front of 274 Blue Hill Avenue in Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. Newton of Wd. 13, at 8:45 P.M., to meet on Thursday, March 24, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, March 14, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. All the members present.

On motion of Ald. BOWEN, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE RESCINDED.

Ald. WHELTON, under a suspension of the rules, offered an order—That the vote of this Board of February 29, 1904, granting a license to Michael C. Bellusci for musical and dancing entertainments at Knights of Progress Hall, 54 Cross St., for the season ending August 1, 1904, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the Committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Giocchino Zollo, 15 hooks, at 42 Charter St., Wd. 6.

E. E. Le Clair, a gas arc lamp, at 5 State St., Wd. 6.

E. H. Munch, a gas arc lamp, at 12 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Max Barnett, an illuminated sign, at 20 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Will Armstrong, an illuminated sign, at 1 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Abraham Rubin, a sign, at 54 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Wm. H. Colton, a sign, at 22 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Morris I. Cohen, a pole for clothing, at 56 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Alfred Gioguinto, a sign, at 133 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Isaac Ross, a sign, at 45 Charles St., Wd. 11.

William Boyd, a sign, at 1204 Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

Harris Bros., an illuminated sign, at 702 Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

Myer L. Silverstein, a pole with hooks, at 341 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Gertrude E. Edwards, to be compensated for damage to her clothing by an alleged defect in the highway at 125 Myrtle St.

Giuseppe Giannasca, to be paid for damage to his wagon caused by a wagon of the sanitary division of the street department.

Boston Trading Stamp Co. to be paid for one of its windows broken by a team belonging to the city.

Robert J. Lyttle, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defective coal hole at 49 Kneeland St.

A. Gunaris, to be paid for damage to his store and fixtures by a fire engine.

Faneull Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneull Hall, viz.:—

John W. Hutchinson, on the afternoon of March 20, 1904.

Socialist Party, on the afternoon of May 1, 1904.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect poles on Carson St., Columbia Road, Old Colony Ave. and C St.

For leave to erect one pole on Dudley St., corner Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. for leave to erect four poles on Brentwood St. Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect one pole on Preble St., S. B.

Licenses.

G. H. Batcheller, Manager, for a permit for Albert, Gussie and Edna Martell, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre for the week beginning March 21, 1904.

Frank A. Feeney, for leave to run passenger barges from Highland, Spring St. and West Roxbury Stations, from the corner of Centre and Corey Sts., and from the corner of Centre and LaGrange Sts., to the Newton and Dedham lines, and return, during the year 1904.

Public Improvements.

P. H. Jackson, for leave to erect a guy post in Woodward St., Wd. 15.

P. H. Jackson, for leave to erect one guy post in Brentwood St., Wd. 25.

Thomas F. Killeen, for leave to place a barber pole on sidewalk against building at 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18.

A. A. Elston & Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Harrison Ave. extension and Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

William D. Brewer, for leave to maintain and use a bulkhead at 37 South Market St., Wd. 6.

SHAWMUT AVE. BRIDGE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., March 14, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting an appropriation of \$23,000, the estimated amount required to rebuild the Shawmut Ave. bridge, over the tracks of the Boston & Albany and New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads.

The Superintendent of Streets and the City Engineer are both of opinion that the work of rebuilding this bridge should be commenced at once, and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, Mass., March 4, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

Inclosed is a copy of a report received from the City Engineer as to the condition of the Shawmut Ave. Bridge, and I would respectfully request that steps be taken immediately to provide the money necessary for rebuilding this bridge. Shawmut Ave. at this point is a much-traveled way for heavy teams, and a serious accident is liable to occur at any time.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,

Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston.

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall.

March 1st, 1904.

Hon. James Donovan, Supt. of Streets.

Dear Sir:—I wish to call your attention to the report of the condition of Shawmut Ave. Bridge in the report of the City Engineer for the year 1902, page 28, viz.:—

"This is an iron bridge, built in 1871. A thorough examination of this bridge was made in March, 1902, which showed that the iron work over the main tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad was so badly eaten away that it was not deemed safe for the traffic coming on it. A special report was made to the Superintendent of

Streets under date of March 22, 1902, calling attention to the condition of this bridge and recommending that certain repairs be made at once. In accordance with this recommendation, the flooring over the main tracks of the B. & A. R. R. was removed and the angle iron seats for the stringers were reinforced by timber blocking resting on the bottom flanges of the girders. New stringers were put in where needed and the lower planking renewed.

"These repairs can be considered as only putting the bridge temporarily in a safe condition, and the recommendation made at that time is here renewed, that the bridge should be rebuilt within the next two years." At the time these repairs were made the cast iron parapet was removed from the girder on the westerly street line. This girder was found to be so badly rusted that it was deemed prudent to reduce the load coming upon it by fencing off a portion of the sidewalk. The girder on the easterly street line was not in as bad condition, and its parapet was allowed to remain."

The estimated cost of rebuilding this bridge is \$28,000, and I recommend that it be rebuilt at once.

Yours truly,
William Jackson, City Engineer.
City of Boston,
In Board of Aldermen.

March 14, 1904.

Ordered, That the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000) be appropriated to be expended by the City Engineer in rebuilding the Shawmut Ave. Bridge, over the tracks of the Boston & Albany and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc., viz.:-

1. Catherine Neary, two bay windows and a cornice, at 7 Decatur St., Wd. 3.

2. B. Ferguson, one window, at 263 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

3. Martha W. Leatherbee et al., one window, at 377 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

4. Louis P. Hollander & Co., a marquise, at 202 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles, viz.:-

5. Five poles on Glen St., between Trull and Glendale Sts., Wd. 20.

John G. King, 2 Glen St., objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. Five poles on Glendale St., near Hancock St., Wd. 20.

J. P. Bullard of 22 Glendale St. appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. Six poles on High St., between Church and Hancock Sts., Wd. 20.

A. G. McVey of 201 Hancock St. appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Three poles on Midland St., near Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Daniel J. Daly of 10 Midland St., for himself and other property owners on the street, appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

9. Five poles on Pierce Ave., near Adams St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

10. One pole on Raymond St., near Westford St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

11. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Light Company for leave to erect three poles on Soley St., Wd. 5.

John M. Benn of 49 Soley St., for himself and others, Jeremiah Maloney of 20 Soley St., M. E. Leen, for Mary J. Leen, of 19 Soley St., James T. Maguire, for Mary Maguire, of 37 Soley St., and H. T. Lyons of 31 Soley St., severally appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

12. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to loan to the Bostonian Society the bell inscribed "T. B. 1773," now stored in the Old Court House.

Passed in concurrence.

13. An Ordinance to amend chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:-

Chapter thirty-two of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the fourth section thereof, in the clause establishing the location of the ward-room in Wd. 16, by striking out the words "Winthrop Hall, Upham's Corner," and inserting in place thereof the words "Municipal Building, Columbia Road."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

14. Ordered, That the Building Committee report at the next meeting of the Common Council the names of all the theatres it has inspected, how each one is observing the building laws, and what recommendations the committee have to offer in regard to each one they have inspected; also at each succeeding meeting of the Common Council the committee shall report its doings regarding inspection of theatres and places of amusement.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

BRANCH OF NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD.

The following was received:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston:

The Directors of the New England Railroad Company represent that said corporation has finished the construction of and put in operation its main road; that it desires to build a branch or extension thereof, which the Board of Railroad Commissioners has certified that public convenience and necessity require to be constructed, in the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and the Towns of Dedham and Needham, in the County of Norfolk, upon a route shown by a map thereof, which map, together with a profile and Engineer's Report made to them agreeably to the provisions of Chapter 111 of the Revised Laws, they herewith submit to you and ask that you will agree with them as to a route of said branch or extension in said City of Boston, and sign and give to them a certificate setting forth said route as agreed upon.

The Directors of the New England Railroad Company. By J. H. Benton, Attorney.

Upon the submission of the foregoing petition and the accompanying map it was Ordered, That a hearing be had upon said petition at the Aldermen's Chamber, City

Hall, in Boston, on Monday, the fourth day of April, 1904, at three o'clock, P.M., and that notice thereof be given by the New England Railroad Company by publishing said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Daily Globe, a newspaper published in said County of Suffolk, for two successive weeks, the past publication to be at least two days prior to the time of said hearing, and also by posting copies of said petition and of this order thereon in two or more public places in the City of Boston, at least two weeks before such hearing.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTE.

On the petition of Patrick Tivnan, for leave to project two bay windows from building No. 5 Washburn St., Wd. 16,—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, March 23, at 3 P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

TUNNEL UNDER FORT POINT CHANNEL.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing by the said Board on March 16 on the petition of the city of Boston, for license to construct a tunnel under Fort Point Channel, near Congress Street bridge, for a water pipe. Placed on file.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall, on petitions referred today, as follows:

John W. Hutchinson, afternoon of March 20, 1904.

Socialist Party, afternoon of May 1, 1904.

Reports accepted leave granted on the usual conditions.

PRECINCT LINES.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to consider the changing of the precinct lines of Precincts 1 and 2 of Wd. 22, submitted a report—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That a new division into voting precincts be made of that portion of Wd. 22 heretofore included in precincts one and two of said ward, and said precincts are hereby constituted as follows:—

Precinct One.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre lines of Chestnut and Spring Park Aves.; thence by the centre lines of Spring Park Ave., Centre, Perkins and Chestnut Sts. to the boundary line between Boston and Brookline; thence by said boundary line to the centre line of Jamaicaaway; thence by the centre line of Jamaicaaway to Grotto Glen extended; thence through the centre lines of Grotto Glen extended, Grotto Glen, Day, Bynner, Creighton, Centre and Forbes Sts., and Chestnut Ave., to the point of beginning—814 voters.

Precinct Two.

All that part of said ward lying within the following described line: Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of location of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the centre line of Centre St.; thence by the centre lines of Centre, Creighton, Bynner and Day Sts. to the ward line; thence by said ward line through Day, Minden, Bickford, Heath and New Heath Sts. to the centre line of location of the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad;

thence by said centre line of location to the point of beginning—817 voters.

Report accepted; order passed.

Later in the session, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, the report and order were ordered printed as a public document.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, March 28, 1904, at 3 P.M., upon the following:—

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (severally referred March 7), for leave to erect poles as follows:—

1 pole in West 6th St., Wd. 15.

1 pole in West 7th St., Wd. 15.

Petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred March 7), for leave to attach its wires to one tree on Vine St., and five trees on Forest St., Wd. 17.

Petition of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles in Carson St., Columbia Road, Old Colony Ave. and C St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 34 newsboys, 12 boot-blacks and 6 vendors.

Report accepted.

(2) Report on the petition of G. H. Baicheller, Manager (referred today), for a permit for Albert, Gussie and Edna Martell, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre for the week beginning March 21, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

William H. Colton (referred today), to project a sign at 22 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

William P. Watson (referred March 7), to project a barber pole at 1093 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Francis Sawyer (referred March 7), to project a V-shaped sign at 35 Province St., Wd. 7.

Owen F. Sweeney (referred March 7), to project a barber pole at 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Thomas Sjarlata (referred March 7), to project three barber poles at 346 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

William C. Merkle (referred March 7), to project a sign at 110 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

EVACUATION DAY.

Ald. SLATTERY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel on Thursday, March 17, 1903, from 8:30 A.M., such streets as may be necessary, until after the parade in connection with the celebration of Evacuation Day.

Ordered, That the City Messenger rope off such streets as the Board of Police may require, Thursday, March 17, 1904, in connection with the parade and celebration of Evacuation Day; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Orders severally passed.

A. O. H. PARADE, MARCH 17.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the City Messenger rope off such streets as the Board of Police may require, Thursday, March 17, 1904, in connection with the parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.
Passed.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered on order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of premises 763 Broadway, South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That permission be granted to Patrick S. McManus to trim two trees in front of his estate 48 Wyman St., Wd. 22, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds.
Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees located on the following streets:—

Fuller St., at the corner of Hillside Terrace, Wd. 24.

Norfolk St., No. 120, Wd. 24.

The expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree now standing in front of estate No. 12 Minot St., Wd. 24; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

GENEVA AVE. BRIDGE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to contract for and construct Geneva Ave. Bridge, so-called, according to the plans of the City Engineer; the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Reconstruction of bridges over railroad tracks at Norfolk, Harvard, Medway and West Selden Sts."

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say a word in regard to that matter before it is referred. This is an order for the construction of a third bridge over the New England Railroad. There has been an appropriation made sufficiently large to carry out the work on the Norfolk St. and Harvard bridges, but it has been delayed on account of this third bridge, which the order I have introduced covers. It will not require any extra appropriation. The money is at hand, and all the parties interested agree that the work should be done as soon as possible.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ASPHALTING OF PALMER ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Palmer St. asphalted in front of the Albert Palmer Schoolhouse; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.
Passed.

JURORS.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 14 of the Acts of 1894, as follows:

(1) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, viz.:

Henrie D. Stone, Wd. 17; William Henry Welton, Wd. 12; Charles E. Devereux, Wd. 7; George W. Gordon, Wd. 6; Frank H. Lyons, Wd. 14; Nathaniel Watson, Wd. 10; Albert Mode, Wd. 9; George H. Hargraves, Wd. 4; William McDonald, Wd. 21; Charles A. Ayer, Wd. 11; Herbert F. Prince, Wd. 7; John Tein, Wd. 6; John A. King, Wd. 10; Jeremiah F. Driscoll, Wd. 9; William O. D. Grace, Wd. 5; Joseph P. Cahill, Wd. 13; William W. Smith, Wd. 12; Charles A. White, Wd. 25; John Hart, Wd. 1; John H. Lang, Wd. 1; John W. Denehy, Wd. 25; John F. Leary, Wd. 5; James J. Mahoney, Wd. 4; William A. Fraser, Wd. 1; Edward J. Phaneuf, Wd. 17; Charles Head, Wd. 11; Patrick Campbell, Wd. 12; Thomas Nolan, Wd. 5; William F. Drew, Wd. 4; Frank P. Macfarlane, Wd. 25.

(2) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, viz.:

William T. Cullen, Wd. 23; Benjamin W. Bennett, Wd. 6; Ivory B. Wilbur, Wd. 17; William F. Holland, Wd. 16; Elgin E. Pike, Wd. 16; William T. Merryweather, Wd. 11; Frank Leavitt, Wd. 7; Louis R. De Voto, Wd. 6; John Sullivan, Wd. 19; John C. O'Connell, Wd. 5; William J. Sullivan, Wd. 3; James Finnegan, Wd. 20; Frank Ganter, Wd. 22; John T. Macdonald, Wd. 20; John H. Spear, Wd. 3; Charles A. Gardner, Wd. 24; John H. Mullen, Wd. 20; Thomas F. Manning, Wd. 16; James H. Maynes, Wd. 23; David L. Hunter, Wd. 23; Edward G. Muir, Wd. 3; John F. Galvin, Wd. 18; Patrick H. Dolan, Wd. 8; John B. Mason, Wd. 11; Fred H. Kendrick, Wd. 12; William J. Kelly, Wd. 15; Willard P. Stanley, Wd. 14; Robert Harrison, Wd. 14; James O'Brien, Wd. 16; George A. Taylor, Wd. 14.

(3) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, viz.:

William J. Paton, Wd. 7; Peter Smith, Wd. 6; Edward A. Magee, Wd. 2; Ernest L. Mason, Wd. 21; Logan A. McLean, Wd. 1; William P. Lockwood, Wd. 12; Charles E. Lewis, Wd. 3; George T. Chubbuck, Wd. 21; Edward E. Piper, Wd. 10; Michael W. Buckley, Wd. 24; Joseph Bernard, Wd. 13; Edward A. McGrath, Wd. 16; Joseph J. Sampson, Wd. 22; Thomas H. Joyce, Wd. 24; John E. S. Adams, Wd. 20; James A. McRae, Wd. 24; Francis P. Downey, Wd. 3; James C. Baxter, Wd. 16; Henry W. Whalen, Wd. 2; Andrew J. Shallow, Wd. 13; Samuel A. Marston, Wd. 19; Edward Sullivan, Wd. 6; Bernard R. Edwards, Wd. 19; William F. Caldwell, Wd. 24; Augustus M. Staples, Wd. 24; Louis M. Campbell, Wd. 20; William McCarthy, Wd. 14; John J. Holland, Wd. 17; Hugh A. McBreen, Wd. 9; James A. Mullare, Wd. 24.

(4) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, viz.:

William H. Johnson, Wd. 4; John F. Gallagher, Wd. 23; Earl S. Sloan, Wd. 12; George H. Whalen, Wd. 24; Daniel F. Ring, Wd. 24; Elmer E. Power, Wd. 24; James Higgins, Wd. 13; Luke Brenner, Wd. 13; William A. Lewis, Wd. 16; Frank H. Casson, Wd. 24; Thomas F. Shipsey, Wd. 13; Vance M. Smith, Wd. 24; George W. Rose, Wd. 15; Edward Yates, Wd. 9; Tennes G. Tenneson, Wd. 2; James A. Martin, Wd. 22; Daniel McLaughlin, Wd. 6; Joseph B. Hardy, Wd. 21; Cornelius J. Keyes, Wd. 9; Eugene J. Reardon, Wd. 2; William J. Ahearn, Wd. 3; Willis E. Burbank, Wd. 24; Richard N. McCarthy, Wd. 2; James J. Roche, Wd. 17; Samuel D. Bradley, Wd. 22; Charles A. Walsh, Wd. 10; Dickinson, Wd. 20; Eldon A. Clark, Wd. 10; John McElhill, Wd. 2; Napoleon P. Durette, Wd. 24.

(5) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, viz.:

Thomas McNally, Wd. 8; Frank O. Guild, Wd. 11; John J. Follan, Wd. 22; Frank A. Ochs, Wd. 16; Henry D. Andrews, Wd. 1;

E. Parker Seaver, Wd. 23; Charles S. McAteer, Wd. 9; P. Robert Greene, Wd. 6; Theodore A. Stevens, Wd. 24; James J. Kelley, Wd. 19; Byron A. Pollard, Wd. 24; John H. Earley, Wd. 20; Charles W. Dennis, Wd. 23; William D. Mandell, Wd. 10; William Walden, Wd. 20; Henry C. Lyon, Wd. 10; William H. Harrison, Wd. 18; Frank P. Henderson, Wd. 5; William W. Paterson, Wd. 18; John M. Schuler, Wd. 19; John Feeney, Wd. 1; Charles L. Hall, Wd. 12; William McNamee, Wd. 4; William J. Scott, Wd. 21; William T. Holmes, Wd. 1; Arthur Rockwell, Wd. 24; Harry J. Rice, Wd. 20; Henry W. Kelley, Wd. 17; Charles F. Hudson, Wd. 22; John Nolan, Wd. 20.

(6) Sixty traverse jurors, Superior Court, Sixth Session, April sitting, viz.:—
Frank T. Sullivan, Wd. 18; William F. Sweeney, Wd. 8; Jesse H. Pierce, Wd. 10; Thomas F. J. Dignan, Wd. 2; George W. Phillips, Wd. 10; Albert Neff, Wd. 14; James E. Crogan, Wd. 5; Reuben Winslow, Wd. 19; Samuel E. Wright, Wd. 16; Howard E. Hayden, Wd. 10; William O. McFee, Wd. 14; Patrick Clancy, Wd. 24; Peter Mahoney, Wd. 13; Charles E. Haskins, Wd. 21; John S. Page, Wd. 17; Harry P. Hale, Wd. 12; Nathan Bloomberg, Wd. 8; Daniel L. Mahoney, Wd. 3; William T. Ford, Wd. 5; Samuel E. Hathaway, Wd. 10; Parker F. Harrington, Wd. 1; John Tobin, Wd. 19; Thomas J. Scannell, Wd. 22; James F. Wise, Wd. 21; Michael J. Noonan, Wd. 3; Edmund Burke, Wd. 17; Naphthali A. Rich, Wd. 14; John C. Flynn, Wd. 22; James E. Griffith, Wd. 18; Thomas J. Burke, Wd. 2; Henry G. Morton, Wd. 2; Charles A. Tewksbury, Wd. 10; James Scully, Wd. 12; John Barry, Wd. 4; Henry M. Kinports, Wd. 21; David H. Everett, Wd. 12; George T. Cuddihy, Wd. 15; Charles Wohlschlagel, Wd. 2; Louis Rosenthal, Wd. 8; John F. Morrill, Wd. 21; Thomas A. O'Donnell, Wd. 9; George W. Kelly, Wd. 18; William O. Blaney, Wd. 11; Patrick Donovan, Wd. 13; Samuel Hirsch, Wd. 16; Charles Balier, Wd. 10; Daniel P. Shea, Wd. 13; William Harmon, Wd. 14; George N. Walker, Wd. 12; Elsworth C. Hathaway, Wd. 1; Herbert F. Sampson, Wd. 1; George P. Eustis, Wd. 11; William B. Foster, Wd. 20; Isaac M. McChesney, Wd. 22; Joshua A. Crawford, Wd. 11; Harry M. Gordon, Wd. 22; Lewis Hynes, Wd. 17; John J. Devereaux, Wd. 19; Julius Stemat, Wd. 20; Charles H. Jackson, Wd. 12.

(7) Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April sitting, viz.:—

William Francis, Wd. 6; Henry D. Grueter, Wd. 9; William Murphy, Wd. 15; George M. Parker, Wd. 4; Abraham Cook, Wd. 16; Timothy H. Reardon, Wd. 14; John A. Augustus, Wd. 3; Arthur R. Stanley, Wd. 23; John C. Hagelstein, Wd. 17; Charles H. Fewkes, Wd. 5; Henry R. Shaw, Wd. 11; Patrick H. Coughlin, Wd. 13; Michael J. Eagan, Wd. 3; Charles L. Underwood, Wd. 20; John H. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 2; Patrick S. Sullivan, Wd. 15; John Reid, Wd. 7; Michael C. A. Guinee, Wd. 5; Joseph V. Maddock, Wd. 8; Philip Goldenberg, Wd. 8; Samuel S. Atwood, Wd. 21; Daniel A. May, Wd. 9; Louis Le Blanc, Wd. 19; John J. Murray, Wd. 3; John C. Kelly, Wd. 19; August Rohnstock, Wd. 16; Edward J. Powers, Wd. 14; John Wheelan, Wd. 20; Maurice Ahearn, Jr., Wd. 14; George O. Baxter, Wd. 17.

A RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG, the Board voted, at 4.45 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.45 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the order (referred today), authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to contract for and construct the Geneva Ave. Bridge, so-called, according to the plans of the City Engineer, the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Reconstruction of Bridges Over Railroad Tracks at Norfolk, Harvard, Medway and West Selden Sts."—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the message of the Mayor, recommending loan of \$28,000 for rebuilding Shawmut Ave. Bridge, over the Boston and Albany Railroad, with accompanying order (referred today), recommending the passage of the order and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted, and the order was passed, yeas 11, nays none.

Message and order sent down.

(3) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

P. H. Jackson, to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Woodward St., at or near No. 50, Wd. 15, and to stretch guy ropes over and across said street, for use during the erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston.

P. H. Jackson, to erect, maintain and use one guy rope, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Brentwood St., at or near Athol St., Wd. 25, and to stretch guy ropes over and across said Brentwood and Athol Sts., for use during the erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston.

A. A. Elston & Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows:

One, at or near 24 Harrison Ave. Extension;

One, at or near 22 Hayward Pl.;

One, at or near 4 Hayward Pl., Wd. 7; for use in the demolition of buildings in said locality.

William D. Brewer, to open, maintain and use the present bulkhead opening under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 37 South Market St., Wd. 6, said opening to be closed at night.

Reports accepted, said orders passed.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw: Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Co. (referred Jan. 25), for compensation for plate glass window alleged to have been broken by city team at 1 Winter St.

Boston Tailoring Company (referred last year), for compensation for damage to property at 371 Washington St., caused by leakage through excavation in Bromfield St.

Thomas Devine (referred Feb. 8) for compensation for damage to property 38 Brookford St., caused by surface water.

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Willie H. Burns (referred Feb. 29) to be reimbursed for expense incurred in defence of a suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer—that the petition is approved by the Board of Police, and accordingly recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of Ninety-Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the

City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of Sarah J. Allen (referred February 29), to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, through injuries received while in the performance of his duty as a member of the Police Department—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That, under the provisions of Chapter 173 of the Acts of 1887, an annuity be paid to Sarah J. Allen, widow of Lewis L. Allen, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries incurred in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police, and to be charged to the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(4) Report on the petition of Dennis J. McManus (referred February 29), to be reimbursed the expense incurred by him in defence of the suit against him on account of his acts as a police officer—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Dennis J. McManus the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Thirty-

Nine Cents (\$153.39), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

ONE DAY IN FIVE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court in favor of Senate Bill No. 97, entitled "An Act to provide that members of Fire Departments shall be allowed One Day off in every Five Days."

Passed. Sent down.

RECONSIDERATION REFUSED.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved to reconsider the action taken upon all reports, orders, motions, petitions, etc., at this meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, at 5:52 P.M., to meet on Monday, Mar. 21, 1904, at four P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, March 21, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M.

In the temporary absence of Chairman Doyle, Ald. Bowen, Senior Member, presided.

Ald. BRESNAHAN moved that the reading of the records of the preceding meeting be dispensed with.

The motion was carried.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Metropolitan Spa, a sign, at 26 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Alfred Bartlett, a sign, at 69 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Simon Shapiro, a gas arc lamp, at 206 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Joseph Tortorella, a gas arc lamp, at 8 W. Dedham St., Wd. 12.

W. & A. Bacon, an electric sign, at 2175 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Albert Fine, two barber poles, at 201 Rugles St., Wd. 18.

Charles White, a sign, at 17 Lamartine St., Wd. 22.

A. Lewis, a sign, at 904 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Mark Angelevitch, a sign, at 2 Mall St., Wd. 17.

Appropriations.

Citizens Trade Association of East Boston, that Cottage St., East Boston, be filled in solid and constructed.

Claims.

Hannah V. Burke, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect in Esmond St.

Alice M. Collins, for compensation for damages to estate 34 Bolton St., caused by the bursting of a water main.

Mary E. Burke, for compensation for damage to estate 437 Meridian St., caused by the overflow of surface water.

R. S. MacArthur, for compensation for injuries caused by ice falling from the roof of engine house on Bulfinch St.

Electric Wires.

Brookline Gas Light Company, for leave to attach its wires to poles of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.: To one pole on Franklin St., and to three poles on Braintree St., Brighton.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., for leave to remove one pole on Warren Ave., cor. Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Board of Election Commissioners, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on April 8, 9, 11, 17, 18, 20.

Armenians of Massachusetts, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of May 30, 1904.

Licenses.

Peter Sebastian, for a license for a wrestling match at the building of the Central Atlantic Club, Bowdoin Sq., on March 29.

Rich. Harris & Charles Frohman, for a permit for Margaret Furlong and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Colonial Theatre, for eight weeks beginning March 21, 1904.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Request of Peter Salem Garrison No. 16, A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Public Improvements.

Louis M. Bianco, for leave to erect guy posts in Turner and Norway Sts., Wd. 10.

Addie Haynes Hickey et als., executors and trustees, et al., for compensation for damages to estate on Sixth St. caused by the change of grade of said street.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:—

1. Seven on Richfield St., between Columbia Terrace and Barry St., and six on Barry St., from Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Charles Logue, 50 Barry St., appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles on Barry St., stating that all the property owners and residents of the street object. To Ald. Whelton he stated that he objected particularly to the huge, unsightly poles at present used. If small, iron poles, of a neat pattern, were used, he would not object so much.

A large number of other residents were also present, objecting to the poles.

A written remonstrance, signed by Wm. H. Leonard, and another, signed by the residents on Richfield, Barry and Hamilton Sts., were also received.

The matter was recommitted with remonstrances, to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Three on Ware St., between Rill and Trull Sts., and six on Rill St., between Ware and Hancock Sts., Wd. 20.

L. W. Eddy, No. 36 Rill St., estate of L. W. Burnham, No. 24, Mrs. L. D. W. Eddy, No. 25, David Currier, No. 13, Mrs. C. F. McCormack, No. 3, Mary Doyle, No. 42, and Henry Hearder, No. 32, severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles on said street.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. Eight on Nightingale St., between Wales and Bernard Sts., Wd. 20.

Mr. P. J. Conlan, of 43 Nightingale St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, on the ground that they are unsightly; that they would injure the value of the abutting property; and that there is no necessity for them, as several residents on the street already have telephones, and that, if others want them, they can be supplied by wires from the poles in the streets to the north or south, like those now having them are.

Mr. Conlan also presented a remonstrance signed by Rufus J. Henchey and others, which, he said, was signed by all the property owners, and all the residents, on the street.

On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. Thirty-six on Bellevue St., between Centre and Robin Sts., Wd. 23.

Ald. Bromberg presented a remonstrance signed by Randall G. Morris and 27 others, protesting against the erection of the above poles.

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. Seven on Van Winkle St., between Dorchester Ave. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., Wd. 24.

Mr. Louis N. Bennett, of 8 Van Winkle St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles on the ground that there is no public necessity for them, and that it would be a great injury to place them in the narrow granolithic sidewalk. Persons having telephones are now supplied with

wires from parallel streets, and others can be cared for in the same way. Mr. Bennett presented a remonstrance against the erection of the poles, signed by all the residents on the street.

On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instruction to give a public hearing.

6. Two on River St., near Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommited to the Committee on Electric Wires.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 27 newsboys, 10 boot-blacks and two vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Rich, Harris & Charles Frohman (referred today), for a permit for Margaret Furlong and other children under fifteen years of age to appear at the Colonial Theatre for eight weeks, beginning March 21, 1904.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions:—

A. Lewis (referred today), a sign, at 904 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Mark Angelevitch (referred today), a sign, at 2 Mall St., Wd. 17.

William Boyd (referred March 14), a sign, at 1204 Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

Isaac Ross (referred March 14), a sign, at 45 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Abraham Rubin (referred March 14), a sign, at 54 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Alfred Gioguinto (referred March 14), a sign, 133 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Metropolitan Spa (referred today), a sign, 25 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Ottavio Brogi & Co. (referred February 1), an illuminated sign, at 200 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the following petitions (severally referred March 14), recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:—

Myer L. Silverstein, a pole with hooks, at 341 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Morris I. Cohen, a pole for clothing, at 56 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Giocchino Zollo, 15 hooks, at 42 Charter St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted.

WINDOW CAPS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Ellen C. Jones, for leave to project three window caps at the American House, 50-64 Hanover St., Wd. 6, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, April 4, 1904, at three P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, April 4, 1904, at three P.M., on the following petitions (severally referred March 14):—

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect one pole in Preble St., South Boston.

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. for leave to erect four poles in Brentwood St., Wd. 25.

The American Telephone & Telegraph

Co. of Massachusetts, for leave to erect one pole in Dudley St., corner Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

REMOVAL OF ASHES.

Ald. KNEELAND offered the following:—

An Ordinance to amend chapter 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relating to the Street Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section one of chapter thirty-eight of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out in the clause relating to the removal of ashes, etc., the words "when so placed as to be easily removed," so that said clause, as amended, shall read as follows: "Shall remove from yards and areas all ashes accumulated from the burning of materials for heating buildings or for domestic purposes, all house-dirt, house-offal and all noxious and refuse substances."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

WIDENING OF HAMPDEN ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities in behalf of House bill No. 445—bill to borrow outside the debt limit for widening of Hampden St.

Passed. Sent down.

SALE OF PETROLEUM, UNION ST.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of his disapproval of the petition of the Globe Gaslight Company, for license to store and keep for sale fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 79 Union St.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

JURORS DRAWN.

Forty-two traverse jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, for the Supreme Judicial Court, First Tuesday in April, viz.:—

Phillip T. Burns, Wd. 9; Anthony McNealy, Wd. 17; Edward Curran, Wd. 4; Paul Serex, Wd. 22; Herbert E. Smith, Wd. 23; Dennis P. Sullivan, Wd. 16; John J. Beare, Wd. 20; Horace K. Gilman, Wd. 4; Clarence E. George, Wd. 24; John J. Galvin, Wd. 15; Edward S. Kelley, Wd. 2; Patrick J. Cummings, Wd. 2; Daniel Jones, Wd. 4; Alfred N. Farrington, Wd. 10; Truman T. Reid, Wd. 22; George W. Hunt, Wd. 24; Carl T. Anderson, Wd. 2; Stephen W. Hoppe, Wd. 15; Alexander Fullerton, Wd. 1; Matthew F. Kilian, Wd. 1; Lawrence J. Ripley, Wd. 24; Daniel Mahan, Wd. 8; Richard J. Merrick, Wd. 9; John W. Strauss, Wd. 22; Rudolph Lipphold, Wd. 22; Joseph F. Hickey, Wd. 2; J. Frank Howland, Wd. 24; Patrick A. Carolan, Wd. 13; Francis F. Clark, Wd. 24; Michael J. Barry, Wd. 24; Bert W. Parmenter, Wd. 23; Severinus F. Reade, Wd. 5; George H. Shields, Wd. 2; Patrick Breen, Wd. 13; Nathan Anthony, Wd. 8; Russell S. Polk, Wd. 22; George W. Brooks, Wd. 12; Joseph A. Moore, Wd. 20; William J. Hartnett, Wd. 2; John W. Cronan, Wd. 17; Charles F. Priest, Wd. 17; Edward T. Lambert, Wd. 15.

A RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board, at four P.M., voted to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled

in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by Chairman Doyle at 5.30 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Louis M. Bianco (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lewis M. Bianco to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, one in Turner St., at or near Norway St., and two in Norway St., at or near Turner St., Wd. 10, for use in the erection of a building on said Norway St.; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the order (referred March 7), directing the Superintendent of Streets to make a gravel sidewalk on both sides of Clarkson St., between Hamilton and Quincy Sts., Wd. 20—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SUB-COMMITTEES.

The CHAIRMAN announced the appointment of the following sub-committees of the Committee on Public Improvements by Ald. Quigley, Chairman of that Committee:—

Paving Division—Ald. Bresnahan, Doyle and Curley.

Sewer Division—Ald. O'Toole, Quigley and Whelton.

Sanitary Division—Ald. Hennessey, Kneeland and Frothingham.

Street-Cleaning Division—Ald. Doyle Bowen and Bromberg.

Ferry Division—Ald. Baldwin, Kneeland and O'Toole.

Street-Watering Division—Ald. Slattery, Baldwin and Curley.

Bridge Division—Ald. Whelton, Baldwin and Bowen.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw:—

P. B. Corbett & Son (referred last year), for compensation for damage to buggy by being run into by a City Hospital Ambulance.

Thomas J. Flood (referred February 8), for compensation for injury received from a fall on F St.

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today), viz.:—

Board of Election Commission, on Apr. 8, 9, 11, 17, 18 and 20.

Armenians of Massachusetts, on evening of May 30, 1904.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

WARD-ROOM, WARD 16.

Ald. HENNESSEY moved that the vote whereby the Board referred to the Committee on Ordinances, the ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, in the clause establishing the location of the ward-room in Wd. 16, by striking out the words "Winthrop

Hall, Upham's Corner," and inserting in place thereof the words: "Municipal Building, Columbia Road," be rescinded.

The motion was carried.

Ald. HENNESSEY moved that the ordinance be passed in concurrence.

The ordinance was passed in concurrence.

BATH EMPLOYEES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Bath Trustees be requested to submit to this Board a list of the employees of the Bath Department, giving the position and residence by ward in each case, from Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904, together with the length of service of each employee.

Passed.

TREE ON BROADWAY.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 398 Broadway; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, GAY HEAD ST.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That there be deducted from the assessments for sidewalk construction, levied under an order of the Board of Aldermen, approved March 2, 1904, against the following named estates and owners on Gay Head St., Wd. 22, the sums set against their respective names; the said owners having furnished, at their own expense, a portion of the material used in said construction:—

No. 3. Henry E. Strout.....	\$22.77
" 5. Nellie A. Mandigo.....	18.42
" 7. Lavina Doherty.....	18.25
" 9. Joanna B. Dalton.....	18.92
" 11. Bertha Moritz.....	19.19
" 13. Michael Edmunds.....	18.42
" 15. Robert S. Scott.....	18.04
" 17. Fanny Bemis.....	17.93
" 19. Rueter & Co.....	20.46
" 21. Mary E. Egan.....	23.32
" 6. Bertha McDermott.....	19.71
" 8. Johnson W. Ramsay.....	18.59
" 10. William Doonan.....	17.97
" 12. Johanna F. Cleary.....	18.15
" 14. Martin A. Kennealy.....	18.53
" 16. Lewis S. Terry.....	17.60
" 18. Ellen Hart.....	20.46

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF NORTHAMPTON ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Committee on Legislative Matters on the part of this Board be requested to appear before the Committee of the General Court on Cities in favor of Senate bill No. 181, providing that Boston may improve Northampton St.

Passed.

CONTEMPLATED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report to this Board a list of the streets in the various districts of the city on which improvements are contemplated during the present year.

Passed.

TRACKS ON BEVERLY STREET.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the Lovejoy's Wharf Trust (referred Feb. 29), that the location for tracks on Beverly St., granted to the Dennis & Lovejoy Wharf and Warehouse Co., be transferred to the said trust—recommending the passage of the following:

Whereas, A location for a single track

across Beverly St. was granted by the Board of Aldermen to the Dennis & Lovejoy Wharf and Warehouse Co., Nov. 10, 1902, and it now appears that the said company is a tenant of the Lovejoy's Wharf Trust, and that the said warehouse company and the said trust have petitioned jointly for the transfer of the said location to the Lovejoy's Wharf Trust, therefore be it

Ordered: That the location for a single track across Beverly St., from the tracks of the Boston & Maine R.R. Co. to the wharf of the Dennis & Lovejoy Wharf and Warehouse Co., and shown on a plan signed by William R. Brown, treasurer, dated May, 1902, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, granted by the Board of Aldermen, Nov. 10, 1902, to the said Dennis & Lovejoy Wharf and Warehouse Co., and approved by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, Dec. 19, 1902, be and the same is hereby transferred to the Lovejoy's Wharf Trust,

on the condition that the said Lovejoy's Wharf Trust assumes all the terms and conditions contained in the said order granted by the Board of Aldermen and such further conditions as may be required by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and shall file an agreement to that effect with the City Clerk within thirty days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; preamble and order passed.

RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. KNEELAND moved to reconsider the action taken on all reports, motions, orders, petitions, etc., presented today, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, at 5:38 P.M., to meet on Monday, Mar. 28, 1904, at three P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, March 21, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

FIRE ALARMS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., March 18, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to the giving of public alarms for fires in the Charlestown district—a matter referred to in several orders of one or both branches of the City Council.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston.
Fire Department.

February 2, 1904.

His Honor, Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—Referring to several requests from The Honorable, The City Council, I beg leave to explain that the striking of the bells referred to in Charlestown has been discontinued, for the simple reason that all the call men for whom the bells were originally struck have ceased to be members of the department, and in behalf of the efficiency of the department, I beg that the said striking may not be resumed.

Your obedient servant,
H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Sent up.

NON-RESIDENT ENGINEER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., March 17, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order asking for a list of the non-resident employees in his department.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston.
Engineering Department.

March 16, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—In reply to the following order of the Common Council "That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, furnish the City Council a list of all employees in his division that live outside of Boston," I have to say that John S. Lamson, of Arlington Heights, is the non-resident employee now employed in this department.

Yours respectfully,
William Jackson, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

COST OF MACADAMIZING CARLETON ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., March 17, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of grading and paving Carleton St., Wd. 12, between Newton and Wellington Sts.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Street Department, City Hall.
Boston, Mass., March 16, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council,

I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of macadamizing and regulating Carleton St., between West Newton and Wellington Sts., is \$60,000.

Respectfully,
James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.
Placed on file.

PETITION REFERRED.

To His Honor the Mayor—Charles E. French, asking for the appointment of a Superintendent of Public Grounds who will allow the aged trees on Boston Common to live.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of the Boston Tailoring Company, referred Nov. 9, 1903, for compensation for damage to property at 371 Washington St., Wd. 7, caused by leakage through excavation in Bromfield St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Report of same committee, on petition of P. B. Corbett & Son, referred Dec. 17, 1903, for compensation for damage to buggy by being run into by a City Hospital ambulance—leave to withdraw.

The question came on accepting the report.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I move that the report be not accepted, but that the matter be recommitted to the Committee on Claims for further consideration.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in justice to the Committee on Claims, bring a member of that committee, I wish to state that this matter came before us last Friday. The fact is that the Committee on Claims has no right to consider the question. The case, I believe, was this: The party who appeared before the committee had his leg injured in a collision with a City Hospital ambulance; and, as I understand the law on this point, where an injury of this sort is caused in connection with the work of a department of the city which is not engaged in work which returns a profit to the city, the party injured has no legal claim for the injury. The committee has no right to consider the question at all. We discussed it. Mr. Bell was present, and we have made this report, which is the only report that could be made under the circumstances. I hope, therefore, that the Council will not vote to send back the report.

Mr. BELL—Mr. President, I don't care to take up the Council's time or to take issue with my good friend Mancovitz; but I do think, in justice to Mr. Corbett—a man with whom I am not personally acquainted—that this should be referred back to the committee for further consideration. I will agree with Mr. Mancovitz in what he has said, that perhaps the city has not got the right way to think it should have in the matter; but, as a member of the Committee on Claims, and as a colleague of his on that committee, I know that the committee has done things that would coincide with reconsidering this particular bill. I believe there are facts to present to the committee that it does not know. I think the committee is fair and intelligent enough to consider the matter on new evidence that can be presented, and I don't think anything is to be lost by recommitting it. I think if it goes back to the committee for consideration again tomorrow, after all the facts have been stated, if it is still felt that no action can be taken, the matter can be reported back to the Council at the next meeting. But I sincerely trust that it will be given to the Committee on Claims for further consideration, and I hope my motion will prevail.

The motion to recommit was lost.

The report was accepted in concurrence.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of the Metropolitan Plate Glass Insurance Company, referred January 25, for compensation for plate glass windows alleged to have been broken by a city team, at 1 Winter St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas Devine, referred February 8, for compensation for damage to property, 38 Brookford St., caused by surface water—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas J. Flood, referred February 8, for compensation for injury received from a fall on F St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

6. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Sarah J. Allen, referred February 29, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That, under the provisions of chapter 178 of the Acts of 1887, an annuity be paid to Sarah L. Allen, widow of Lewis L. Allen, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries incurred in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police, and to be charged to the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Dennis J. McManus, referred February 29, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Dennis J. McManus the sum of one hundred fifty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$153.39), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the acceptance of the report in concurrence.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, not having any information in regard to No. 7 and No. 8 on the calendar, I move that they be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion was declared lost. Mr. BRADLEY doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to suspend the rules was lost, sixteen members voting in the affirmative and sixteen in the negative.

Mr. BRADLEY further doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall, and the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to assign further consideration of Nos. 7 and 8 on the calendar to the next meeting was lost—yeas 30, nays 32.

Yeas—Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cado-gan, Collins, J. F. Conboy, Conway (3), Dalton, Driscoll, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gethro, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, MacLoud, McDonald, P. A., Murray, Richardson, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—30.

Nays—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Colbert Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gleason, Higgins, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rackowsky, Spillane, Warner, Williams, Wood—32.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Carter, Collins, H. J., Colman, Conway (23), Dolan, Ferber, Leavitt, McGonagle, McKie, McKnight, Newton, Reagan—13.

The report contained in No. 7 on the calendar was accepted in concurrence, the order was read once, and the question came on giving it a second reading.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman who moved the assignment of these two num-

bers until the next meeting of the Council, and who asks for information in reference to them, I will state that these two orders came down to us from the Board of Police, with a recommendation that, as has been the custom in the past, the City of Boston reimburse these police officers. The two cases in question are instances where policemen did as they were directed to do, and, as a result, some mixup occurred and there were civil suits brought against the police officers—which, as I understand, were decided in favor of the officers. These orders are to reimburse them for the costs of the suits and the expense of their attorneys. It has been the custom of the City of Boston to reimburse the officers in any cases where they won the suits which were brought against them, and I hope that the orders will pass.

The order contained in No. 7 on the calendar, as printed above, was read a second time, and was passed in concurrence.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Willie H. Burns, referred February 29, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I move that Nos. 9, 10 and 11 be taken up collectively, and be read by their titles.

The PRESIDENT—Is there any objection?

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDENT—There being objection, the Council will consider No. 9 on the calendar.

9. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities of the General Court in favor of Senate Bill No. 97, entitled "An Act to provide that members of Fire Departments shall be allowed one day off in every five days."

Passed, in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities in behalf of House Bill No. 445—Bill to borrow outside the debt limit for widening of Hampden St.

Passed, in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to contract for and construct the Geneva Ave. bridge, so-called, according to the plans of the City Engineer; the cost of the same to be charged to the appropriation for "Reconstruction of bridges over railroad tracks at Norfolk, Harvard, Medway and West Selden Sts."

Passed, in concurrence.

12. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets and recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) be appropriated to be expended by the City Engineer in rebuilding the Shawmut Ave. bridge over the tracks of the Boston & Albany and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18, the rules were suspended, and the order was passed in concurrence—yeas 65, nays 0.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Brad-

ley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rackowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—65.

Nays—0.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Carter, Collins, H. J., Conway (23), Dolan, Ferber, Leavitt, McGonagle, McKie, Reagan—10.

TAXES ON INSOLVENT ESTATES.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the City Collector be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this body if it is the practice of the Collecting Department not to prove claims for taxes with receivers, trustees, etc., on insolvent estates; and if such is the practice, is it for the best interests of the city that such claims be not proved.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I would like to say just a word in explanation of that order. A short time ago my attention was called to the case of a foreign corporation doing business in this state and having assets in this state, for which a receiver was appointed. In the list of claims was a claim for taxes due the City of Boston. Notice was sent to all the creditors, including the City Tax Collector, but for some reason or other this claim was not proved. The claim was not a large one—possibly for thirty dollars—but it was not proved and was not allowed. If it had been proved it would have been paid in full, as it was a preferred claim and would be paid before the ordinary creditors received any dividend. In this case the amount did not amount to much, but it can be seen that if in the great number of cases that arise throughout the year this is the practice of that department, the city is deprived of what would be a substantial revenue. I would respectfully ask that this order be passed.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAIR OF EASTERN AVE.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council the estimated cost of repairing Eastern Ave., from Atlantic Ave. to the South Ferry.

Referred to the Mayor.

EXTENSION OF COTTAGE ST.

Mr. CROWLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to extend Cottage St., Wd. 2, from Maverick St. to Prescott St.; and the expense of the same be charged to the Street Department appropriation.

Referred to the Mayor.

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That a Special Committee consisting of the members of the Committee on Legislative Matters on the part of the Common Council be requested to appear before the Committee on Cities at the State House tomorrow morning, at 10.30 o'clock, and advocate the passage of House Bill No. 507, which provides that the Mayor shall appoint a Commission of three, which, after public hearings, shall divide the City of Boston into two districts—in the "A," or

business district, the height limit of buildings to remain as at present, 125 feet,—in the "B," or residential district, no building to be erected to a height of more than 80 feet, with the usual exceptions as to steeples, etc.,—the second limit to remain in force for ten years.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the bill referred to in the order just read has the support of the following distinguished gentlemen, among others: Lewis S. Dabney, Oliver Ames, Richard Olney, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Augustus Hemenway, Edwin D. Mead, George H. Lyman, Thomas J. Gargan, Edwin U. Curtis, Henry L. Higginson, William W. Doherty, William A. Gaston, M. M. Cuniff, Henry S. Price, Archibald Williams. This measure is one that makes for the attractiveness of the City of Boston, the health of its people, and the more equal distribution of valuation throughout the city, and I feel that it should have the unanimous support of the members of this Council. I move a suspension of the rule, that the order may take its passage this evening.

The order was passed.

PAYMENT OF LIGHTING EMPLOYEES.

Mr. GOOD of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inquire into the reason why the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company does not pay its employees weekly (as provided by law) instead of by the month.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF CARLETON STREET.

Mr. MacLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of \$60,000 for macadamizing and regulating Carleton St., Wd. 12, between Newton and Wellington Sts.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

STREET DEPT. BRANCH, DORCHESTER.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to establish a permanent division of the Sanitary and Street Cleaning Departments in Dorchester.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PENAL STATISTICS.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Penal Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, report to this body how many prisoners' minds have become deranged during the past five years and if he believes in solitary confinement; also, what means are employed at present to prevent morphine being conveyed to prisoners and if the practice is carried on to any extent; also, if the food being served at present is up to the standard, especially meat, and if it would not be advisable to discontinue the use of steamed fish hash dinners on Tuesday and hard baked beans on Thursday, and substitute instead a boiled dinner or something that will be equally as good.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF UTICA STREET.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the ice from Utica St., Wd. 7, as soon as possible.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S ROOM.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That the President of the Common Council be

authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars for books, furnishings, decorations, etc., for his office, the said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council Contingent Expenses.
Passed.

SIGN—ESSEX ST.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a street sign at the corner of Essex and Washington sts., Wd. 7.
Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERT, WD. 7.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a band concert in the yard of the Quincy Schoolhouse, Wd. 7, during the coming season.
Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF PLAYGROUND—COMMON.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the playground on Boston Common to be ploughed and rolled and put in suitable condition for baseball playing and other sports.
Referred to the Mayor.

PAVING, WASHINGTON ST., WD. 22.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance, be requested to provide in the first loan order the sum of \$25,700 for paving Washington St., between Marcella St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

OPENING OF WD. 16 MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20 offered the following:

Whereas, the citizens of Dorchester learn that the Municipal Building, Wd. 16, has been completed and

Whereas, the same has been furnished and is now ready for public use, and

Whereas, the City is paying for the services of several people who are supposed to be engaged in the care of said building at the present time,

Be it Resolved: That this Council unite with the citizens of Dorchester in protesting against the non-opening of this building, which, when opened, will be for the interests of all the taxpayers and citizens of the Dorchester District.

Passed.

PAYMENT OF INJURED LABORERS.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the heads of departments, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide that laborers injured while at work shall be paid weekly instead of after when they report for work.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I feel as though I ought to say a few words upon that order. It is customary in the city departments, I understand, that all men who are employed, if they are injured, do not get any pay until they return to work, even where the city doctor has passed upon them and claims that they are entitled to their wages, as they have been hurt in the performance of their work. I think the time when a man really needs his money is when he is sick and lying upon his back in the house, and that is one of the reasons why I introduce this order. I think a man should be paid every week while he is sick, if the doctor, after examining him, thinks he ought to get compensated on account of being hurt

while at work; and I move a suspension of the rule so that the order may go upon its passage.

The rule was suspended, and the order was declared rejected. Mr. Hourin doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

The Council stood divided, and the order was passed, nineteen in favor, seven against. Sent up.

SETTEES ON BROMLEY PARK.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place settees on Bromley Park, Wd. 22.
Referred to the Mayor.

WORK ON MARCELLA STREET PLAYGROUND.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to plough and roll the Marcella St. Playground, Wd. 22, and put the same in a suitable condition for baseball playing.
Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIRING FENCE, CHESTNUT AVE.

Mr. HOURIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair the fence at the corner of Chestnut Ave. and Centre St., as it is now in a dangerous condition.
Referred to the Mayor.

CLEARING STREETS, WARD 13.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to remove ice, snow and accumulated rubbish from all narrow streets in Wd. 13; said streets being a menace to public health and traffic.
Referred to the Mayor.

PLEASURE VEHICLES, WOOD ID PK.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the road around Wood Id. Pk. by people in pleasure vehicles, in addition to its present use by foot passengers only.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I have always understood that public improvements in the nature of gymnasias, libraries, parks and so forth, were intended for the use of all the people, and not for any particular class of people. There does not seem to be any good reason why the Board of Park Commissioners should formulate a rule prohibiting pleasure vehicles from using the boulevard around Wood Island Park. Wood Island Park is situated in an isolated locality, so to speak—quite a way from the central part of East Boston—and there are a great many people who do not care to walk there, but who would ride there if they had the privilege of going there in their vehicles. Inasmuch as the class of people who use pleasure vehicles and who would patronize the park by going out there in their vehicles pay a large amount of our taxes, it would seem to me that they should be entitled to the privilege. Mr. President, I ask for a suspension of the rules, that the order may go upon its passage.

The rules were suspended and the order was passed. Sent up.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I move that, when this Council adjourn, it be to meet on Apr. 7—two weeks from tonight.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I trust that this Council will not adjourn for two weeks. It is an understood fact that the appropriation bill will come

before this body at its next meeting next Thursday night.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I would like very much to second the objection made by Mr. McMackin of Wd. 6. It seems to me that, when this Council decides to meet every Thursday night, unless something very, very important arises, we should not adjourn over. We have been delegated by our various constituencies to come to the Common Council and represent their interests, and I do not see, so far as my opinion may go, why we should adjourn from time to time. We have been in session but a few short months, and during that period of time we have adjourned over a few meetings already. If the same proportion of adjournments continues throughout the year, we will have but very few meetings. I sincerely trust that the motion on Mr. Murray of Wd. 9 will not prevail.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, when I made this innocent motion, I did not believe that I was going to start any fireworks of oratory. If I had expected any such results, I assure you, Mr. President and gentlemen, that I should never have made the motion. I know of at least a few reasons why some members of the Council will not be here on next Thursday evening, and in view of the fact that when the appropriation bill comes before this body, it is desirable to have as large an attendance as possible. I thought it would be advisable to adjourn over until the following week. Personally, I will be here; but I know of a great many other places that I could be on next Thursday night, and with perhaps just as great advantage to the city of Boston and to myself and to Wd. 5 as if I were at a Common Council meeting. Mr. President, that is all I desire to say upon the matter. I thought that, for reasons which must be in everybody's mind, it would be as advisable to go over until the next Thursday night.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I agree with the gentleman from Charlestown in the remarks which he has just made. It does not seem to me at all important that we should come here next Thursday night. I myself, personally, like the gentleman who preceded me, would be willing to come here, but I know that a number of the members of the Council will not be here, and I do not see why anything will be lost by adjourning to a week from next Thursday night. At that meeting there will be a full attendance. It will be an important meeting. All the members will be present. I sincerely hope and trust that the motion made by the gentleman from Charlestown will be carried.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I can hardly agree with the last speaker and the one who preceded him. Whilst I might very much like to go to any particular assembly hall in Boston and listen to my good friend Murray show us the quality of his oratory, I think our place is here; and while I am deeply interested in oratory, I think that after the meeting is all over here, I think I will be able to hear about all I want to in regard to Mr. Hearst or anyone else. I do not think we should adjourn until after the appropriation bill comes in and is disposed of. I feel certain that there are certain departments that need money badly. I do not know just how much they are in need of the money, but they have neglected our streets, and have allowed them to get into such a condition that it might do us a mighty lot of good to give the money to them. I think we should give them all the money we have next Thursday night, and let them go and spend it, so that we can get something good out of it. (Laughter.) After next Thursday night, I think we can all hear as much as we want to about Mr. Hearst.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, if there are good reasons for our adjourning, I should be very glad to adjourn; and I should be very glad to hear some of the gentlemen who we understand are not going to be here tell us why they cannot be here. The gentlemen who have spoken have said that they are to be here, anyway. Now, if there is anybody who says that he cannot come for any good and sufficient reason, for my part I shall be very glad to vote to adjourn. If, on the other hand, nobody asks us to adjourn for their own sake, I think we ought to all be here and attend to the important business which is to come before us next Thursday night.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I hope the motion to adjourn will not prevail. Thursday is the only day I have off in the week. (Laughter.) I consider that my time is just as valuable as the time of any member of this body. I am perfectly satisfied to come here and represent the constituency which sent me here, and I hope that the motion will not prevail.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered.

The motion that when the Council adjourn, it be to meet on Thursday, April 15th, was declared lost. Mr. Murray of Wd. 5 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to adjourn for two weeks was declared carried, 31 members voting in the affirmative, 25 in the negative.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall, and the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion was carried—yeas 42, nays 20. Yeas—Caugogian, Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway, (3), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Lacey, MacKenzie, MacLoud, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKnight, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pielee, Rtenadson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—12.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Colbert, Colman, Cook, Crowley, J. F., Eagan, Fitzgerald, T. F., Higgins, Jepson, Leavitt, Mancovitz, McDonald, P. A., McKirdy, McMackin, Price, Raehkowsky, Simms—20.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Collins, H. J., Conway, (23), Dolan, Gethro, Kelley, McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, Reagan—13.

Several members addressed the Chair and Mr. Murray of Wd. 5 was recognized.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I move that the Council do now adjourn.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he was in error in recognizing Mr. Murray of Wd. 5, inasmuch as he had already been recognized in the division. Mr. Higgins of Wd. 24.

NUISANCE, WD. 24.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the nuisance of keeping combustible materials on the property of Joshua T. West, Calender St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

ATLANTIC AVENUE BRIDGE.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Common Council request His Honor the Mayor to inform them the reasons for the delay in building Atlantic Ave. Bridge, and if it was through the failure of any department that the proper authority was not secured to build it.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor instruct the City

Engineer to immediately advertise for proposals and award contracts for the building of that part of the superstructure of the proposed Atlantic Ave. Bridge that lies outside the disputed territory of the Boston Terminal Company.

Severally referred to the Mayor.

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DEPT. EXCESSES AND EXPENDITURES.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the City Auditor, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council by what authority certain city departments have made expenditures and incurred liabilities in excess of their appropriations for the financial year 1903-4, without applying to the City Council for additional appropriations.

Referred to the Mayor.

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ENLARGEMENT OF ROGERS PARK.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for the purchase of the land adjoining Rogers Park, and bounded by Washington, Foster and Lake Sts., Wd. 25, for the purpose of enlarging said park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

RESURRECTION OF COGSWELL FOUNTAIN.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds place the Cogswell Fountain, now stored by his department, on the public ground at the junction of South Conway, South Fairview and Robert Sts., West Roxbury District; and that he be authorized to make such changes in this fountain as will meet the approval of the Art Commission; the expense to be charged to the Department of Public Grounds.

Passed under suspension of the rule. Sent up.

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FULL TIME FOR PARK EMPLOYEES.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place all employees now on half-time on full time.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2, doubted the presence of a quorum.

A rising vote was taken, and it was found that 43 members, more than a quorum, were present.

Adjourned at 9:06 P.M., on motion of Mr. McDonald of Wd. 16, at 9:06 P.M., to meet on Thursday, Apr. 7, at 7:45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Mar. 28, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, p.m., Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-six traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, April 11, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:-

Fred E. Webb, Wd. 23; Edward T. Daley, Wd. 20; Joseph H. Ellis, Wd. 15; Patrick C. O'Flynn, Wd. 19; Cornelius P. Harding, Wd. 8; Edward H. Haskins, Wd. 17; John P. Riley, Wd. 24; Louis Ohrenberger, Wd. 14; Matthew Mooney, Wd. 18; Michael F. Gearin, Wd. 15; Albert J. Pabst, Wd. 15; Herbert Colley, Wd. 1; James D. Mitchell, Wd. 9; Albert H. Eichorn, Wd. 12; Christopher Wells, Wd. 14; Frank L. Sawyer, Wd. 22; Michael J. Carey, Wd. 16; Thomas F. Curley, Wd. 22; James Burke, Wd. 25; William H. Smith, Wd. 15; Winfield S. Bacon, Wd. 25; George W. Thompson, Wd. 4; Bernard A. McLaughlin, Wd. 22; William O. Curtis, Wd. 21; Daniel B. Sydelman, Wd. 21; Andrew McCance, Wd. 9; Lambert J. Reynolds, Wd. 19; Sylvester Braum, Wd. 19; Thaddeus E. Mack, Wd. 2; David W. Fowler, Wd. 1; Clarence E. N. Lancaster, Wd. 19; John J. Doyle, Wd. 5; Edward R. McLane, Wd. 23; Julius L. Dessauer, Wd. 7; William F. Torrey, Wd. 17; Edward H. Stone, Wd. 7.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:-

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., March 24, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:-

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Maurice J. McCarthy (635 Harrison Ave.) Superintendent of the South City Hay Scales for the term ending April 30, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

George H. Cadogan, a political transparency, at 544 Main St., Wd. 4.

Elmer A. Anderson, a lamp, at 138 Court St., Wd. 6.

Alexander Cava, a gas arc lamp, at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

W. Winder, Commander, U. S. N., a sign, at 66 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Wolf Levy, a pole on which to hang clothing, at 172 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Royal Restaurant, an illuminated sign, at 19 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

J. H. McCarthy, a sign, at 109 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

H. C. Jones, a V-shaped sign, at 47 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

H. B. Woodward & Co., an illuminated sign, at 39 West St., Wd. 7.

Dartmouth Drug Co., a druggist's mortar, at 100 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

J. & M. Parmelee, gas arc lamps, at 90-92 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Frank McDonald, a sign, at 100 Church St., Wd. 11.

Jere J. McNamara, an illuminated sign, at 303 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Martin Kazangian, a sign, at 1 Madison St., Wd. 18.

P. Pastene & Co., to lower the cellar bottom of building 73-75 Fulton St. to grade 9.

Ferris & Littlefield Co., illuminated sign, 169 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Margaret T. Linehan et al., for compensation for damages to their estate on Columbia Road caused by the construction of said road.

Amory Eliot, Trustee, that the city pay expenses incurred on account of the flooding of premises 287 Atlantic Ave. by the stoppage of a sewer.

Walter H. Watts, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Court St.

Frederick W. Paine, for compensation for damages to estate on Northampton and Watson Sts. (Hotel Baldwin) caused by the obstruction of the sewer in Northampton St.

Gaetano Galeano et als., for compensation for the decrease in value of their leasehold rights in estate 884-892 E. Sixth St., caused by the change of grade of said street.

Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to remove one pole from Soley St., near Warren St., and to erect the same in front of 56 Warren St., Charlestown.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for extension of time in which to erect poles on Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Petitions of the Brookline Gas Light Company, viz.:-

For leave to erect fifteen poles on Tremont St., Wd. 25.

For leave to attach cross-arms and wires to two poles of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. on Chester St., Wd. 25.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect poles, viz.:-

One pole on Peverell St., Wd. 20.

Two poles on Hancock St., Wd. 20.

Fourteen poles on Olney St., Wd. 20.

Six poles on Clayton St., Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

New England Anti-Imperialist League, on the afternoon of Apr. 21.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, on the afternoon of June 12.

Licenses.

Boston Horse Show Co., for a license for the horse show at Mechanics' Building, for the week April 18-23, 1904.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Company, for location of tracks on Sumner St. and Maverick Sq., and from Meridian St. to entrance to tunnel in Maverick Sq., and for the right to use trolley electric system thereon.

Public Lands.

A. J. Tower Company, that the city convey to it a certain strip of land along Stony Brook, adjacent to land now owned by it on Simmons St., Roxbury.

Public Improvements.

Patrick F. Shevlin, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 599 East First St., Wd. 14.

Estate of F. L. Fay, for leave to construct a coal hole opening at 295 Devonshire St., Wd. 7.

A. McLeod, for leave to move a wooden building from 15 Morris St. to 172 Bremen St., Wd. 2.

Abe Brest, for leave to project sign on tree at 33 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Boston Wharf Co., 283 Summer St., Wd. 3; Joseph Green, 56-58 Bickerstaff St., Wd.

10; Susan W. Hardy, 1-9 Washington St. and 95-103 Friend St., Wd. 6.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to erect poles in certain streets, viz.:-

1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, one on West Sixth St., between Dorchester and F Sts., Wd. 15.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. Same company, one on West Seventh St., between Dorchester and F Sts., Wd. 15.

Hon. M. J. Creed, representing, for himself and wife, property close by, appeared and objected to the proposed pole.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, one on Carson St., Wd. 16; twenty-one on Columbia Road, between Mt. Vernon and Vinton Sts., Wd. 16; twenty-six on Old Colony Ave., between Vinton and C Sts., Wds. 13, 15 and 16, and three on C St., between Old Colony Ave. and West Seventh St., Wd. 13.

William C. and Frank B. Cotton, as trustees and for themselves personally, Mrs. Rose Gallagher, of 15 Earl St., and Moses Williams, Jr., Trustee, for the Alger Land Trust, appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to attach wires and fixtures to one tree on Vine St. and five trees on Forest St., Wd. 17.

F. N. Russell, of 54 Warren St., Anna A. Clark, of 573 Dudley St., and J. W. Brodine, of 1105 Washington St., adjoining property owners, appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. On petition of Patrick Tivnan, for leave to project two bay-windows at No. 5 Washburn St., Wd. 16.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Message from the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to the giving of public alarms for fires in the Charlestown District.

Placed on file.

7. Ordered. That the heads of departments, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide that laborers injured while at work shall be paid weekly instead of after when they report for work.

8. Ordered. That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the road around Wood Island Park by people in pleasure vehicles, in addition to its present use by foot passengers only.

9. Ordered. That the Superintendent of Public Grounds place the Cogswell fountain, now stored by his department, on the public ground at the junction of South Conway, South Fairview and Robert Sts., West Roxbury District, and that he be authorized to make such changes in this fountain as will meet the approval of the Art Commission; the expense to be charged to the Department of Public Grounds.

Severally passed in concurrence.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows:—

Josiah G. Bridge, 2, from building 14-16 Frothingham Ave., Wd. 5.

Charles H. Wood, 1, from building 316 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Horace D. Chapin, 1, from building 49 Beacon St., corner Spruce St., over Spruce St., Wd. 11.

Ellen T. Gavtn, 3 from building 118 Mt. Vernon St. and 55-59 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, April 11, at 3 P.M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard.

PETROLEUM LICENSES.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of the approval of the following petitions to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum:—

Charles H. Whitehouse, to store in underground tank, at 761 Morton St., Wd. 24.

Rising Sun Street Lighting Co., to store in underground tank, at 97 West Selden St., Wd. 24.

Park Square Automobile Station, to store and keep for sale, at 43 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Jenney Manufacturing Co., to manufacture, refine, mix, store and keep for sale, at works on First St., between D and E Sts., Wd. 13, South Boston.

The licenses were severally approved by the Board.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been done to the amount of \$1655.40.

Approved and ordered paid.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows from buildings, as follows:—

Annie Horgan (recommended Jan. 25), 1, (and a cornice) from building 25 Washington St., to project over Devens St., Wd. 5.

Barnard Bennett (recommended Feb. 29), 2, from building 35 Allen St., Wd. 8.

James E. Toomey (recommended Feb. 1), 2, from building 120-122 Chelsea St., corner Porter St., Wd. 2.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

Louis P. Hollander & Co. (recommended March 14), to project a marquee at 202 Boylston St., Wd. 11 (on condition that it be supported from the building, and not by posts.)

Charles White (referred March 21), to project a sign at 17 Lamartine St., Wd. 22.

Alfred Bartlett (referred March 21), to project a sign at 69 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Albert Fine (referred March 21), to project two barber poles at 201 Ruggles St., Wd. 18.

George H. Cadogan (referred today), to project a campaign transparency at 544 Main St., Wd. 4.

Jere. J. McNamara (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 303 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:—

The Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the message of the Mayor, transmitting the estimates of the several departments for the financial year 1904-1905, and the appropriations recommended by him, having considered the

same, respectfully submit the following appropriation bill for the city and county for the present financial year, and recommend its passage, together with the accompanying orders.

City of Boston.

Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1904-1905.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1904, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest requirement for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1904, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust, or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1904, and by taxes to the amount of \$13,401,400, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding seven million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1904, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1904; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1904, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, except the taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all

interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year, may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department, and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the reserve fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between December 1, 1904, and February 1, 1905, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts of the financial year.

Current Expenses.

Art Department: One hundred dollars	\$100 00
Assessing Department: One hundred and eighty thousand dollars.....	180,000 00
Auditing Department: Forty-five thousand five hundred dollars....	45,500 00
Bath Department: One hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.....	155,000 00
Board of Aldermen: Twenty-nine thousand dollars—	
Salaries	\$21,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	7,500 00
	29,000 00
Building Department: One hundred and four thousand dollars.....	104,000 00
Board of Appeal: Three thousand dollars	3,000 00
Cemetery Department: Seventy thousand dollars	70,000 00
City Clerk Department: Fifty-three thousand dollars.....	53,000 00
City Council: Twenty-six thousand three hundred dollars—	
Incidental expenses.....	\$5,000 00
City Council proceedings..	21,300 00
	26,300 00
City Messenger Department: Thirty-five thousand dollars.....	35,000 00
Clerk of Committees Department: Seventeen thousand dollars.....	17,000 00
Collecting Department: One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars.....	135,000 00
Common Council: Thirty thousand dollars—	
Salaries of Councilmen.....	\$22,500 00
Contingent expenses.....	2,000 00
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,500 00
	30,000 00
Election Department: One hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars.....	168,000 00
Engineering Department: Eighty thousand dollars.....	80,000 00
Fire Department: One million three hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred thirty dollars—	
Current expenses.....	\$1,258,430 00
Pensions	70,000 00
	1,328,430 00
Health Department: One hundred ninety-six thousand dollars.....	196,000 00
Hospital Department: Four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars.....	485,000 00
Institutions:	
Children's Institutions Department: One hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars—	
Placing Out and Office Division	\$91,000 00
House of Reformation...	42,000 00
Parental School.....	55,000 00
	188,000 00
Insane Hospital Department: Two hundred five thousand dollars—	
Boston Insane Hospital..	\$150,000 00
Insane in State Institutions	55,000 00
	205,000 00
Pauper Institutions Department: Two hundred five thousand dollars—	
Boston Almshouse and	

Hospital, Long Id....\$143,500 00	
Epileptics, etc., care of. 30,000 00	
Almshouse, Charlestown 17,000 00	
Office expenses..... 4,000 00	
Pauper expenses..... 1,500 00	
Str. "John Howard".... 9,000 00	
	205,000 00
Institutions Registration Department: Twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars	23,500 00
Str. "J. Putnam Bradlee": Twenty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars	21,720 00
Lamp Department: Eight hundred fifteen thousand dollars.....	815,000 00
Law Department: Fifty-five thousand and four hundred dollars.....	55,400 00
Library Department: Three hundred thousand dollars	300,000 00
Market Department: Eleven thousand and five hundred dollars.....	11,500 00
Mayor: One hundred four thousand eight hundred dollars—	
Office expenses, etc.....\$50,000 00	
Public celebrations..... 54,800 00	
	104,800 00
Music Department: Fifteen thousand and dollars	15,000 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department: One hundred thirty thousand dollars	130,000 00
Park Department: Two hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars	212,500 00
Police Department: One million nine hundred twenty-three thousand eight hundred and ten dollars—	
Current expenses.....\$1,799,075 00	
Pensions	124,735 00
	1,923,810 00
Printing Department: Twenty-five thousand dollars	25,000 00
Public Buildings Department: Two hundred forty thousand dollars..	240,000 00
Public Grounds Department: One hundred fifteen thousand dollars.	115,000 00
Registry Department: Forty-one thousand five hundred dollars....	41,500 00
Reserve Fund (for the payment of claims, executions, and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers): Two hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars..	249,591 00
Sinking Funds Department: Two thousand seven hundred dollars..	2,700 00
Soldiers' Relief Department: Two hundred fifty thousand dollars....	250,000 00
Statistics Department: Ten thousand and dollars	10,000 00
Street Department: Three million three hundred sixty-six thousand eight hundred dollars—	
Central Office..... \$20,000 00	
Bridge Division..... 185,000 00	
Cambridge Bridges Div... 20,000 00	
Ferry Division..... 243,600 00	
Paving Division..... 850,000 00	
Street Improvements..... 500,000 00	
Sanitary Division..... 653,200 00	
Sewer Division..... 320,000 00	
Street Cleaning Div..... 410,000 00	
Watering Division..... 165,000 00	
	3,366,800 00
Street Laying - out Department: (Thirty-six thousand dollars.....	36,000 00
Treasury Department: Fifty thousand and dollars	59,000 00
Weights and Measures Department: Twenty-four thousand five hundred dollars.....	24,500 00
Wire Department: Fifty-nine thousand and dollars	59,000 00
	\$11,821,651 00
City Debt Requirements:	
Sinking Funds..... 1,437,450 00	
Interest	2,320,000 00
County of Suffolk: One million eighty-five thousand dollars—	
General Expenses	\$875,000 00
House of Correction, Deer Island	190,000 00
Office Expenses	

of Penal Institutions	
Commissioner	20,000 00
	\$1,085,000 00
County Debt Requirements:	
Sinking - fund and principal.....\$61,481 00	
Interest	124,660 00
	186,141 00
	1,271,141 00
	\$16,850,248 00
Water Department: Nine hundred six thousand four hundred dollars. (To be paid by water income.)	
Current Expenses and extension of mains.....\$545,000 00	
Debt requirements. (Interest.)	361,400 00
	\$906,400 00
	\$17,756,648 00

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WD. 16.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested by this Board, through His Honor the Mayor, to make the necessary arrangements for the opening of the Municipal Building, Wd. 16, at the earliest possible moment.
Passed.

HARRISON AVE. CARS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to reopen that part of their Harrison Ave.-Geneva Ave. line, between Dover and Keeland Sts. for surface car service.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I was in some doubt whether this should be an order revoking the location of the railroad or asking them to continue the line. There has not been a car run on it since late last year. I don't know the purpose or intention of the railroad in this matter; but the purpose of all the public service corporations seems to be to preempt the streets of the entire city and then give the public service at their pleasure. It is about time that something was done and the rights of all concerned, as well as the corporations, were protected.
The order was passed.

SETTLEMENT FOR STREET PLANS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That there be allowed and paid to Sidney W. McLean the sum of \$1152 in settlement of bill for street plans for use in Registry of Deeds; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.
Passed.

CLOSING KEYES ST.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Keyes St. at the bridge over Stony Brook to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of repairs to said bridge.
Passed.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, COUNTY JAIL.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That under the authority of Chapter 225, section 76 of the Revised Laws, there be allowed and paid from the appropriation for County of Suffolk in each year not exceeding \$1200 in providing moral and religious instruction in the county jail.
Passed.

CLOSING FENNO AND MORRISON STS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be au-

thorized to close to public travel the roadways on the following streets, during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements on the streets named:—
Fenno St., between Buena Vista and Rockland Sts., Wd. 21; Morrison St., between Sturbridge and Temple Sts., Wd. 23.
Passed.

TREE IN WORCESTER SQUARE.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of premises No. 24 Worcester Sq.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Frank A. Feeney (referred Mar. 14), to run passenger barges from Highland, Spring St. and West Roxbury stations, from the corner of Centre and Corey Sts., and from the corner of Centre and La-Grange Sts., to the Newton and Dedham lines, and return, during the year 1904.

Boston Horse Show (referred today), for a license for the horse show at Mechanics Building for the week of Apr. 18-23, 1904.

Peter Sebastian (referred Mar. 21), for a license for a wrestling match at the building of the Central Atlantic Club, Bowdoin Sq., on the evening of Mar. 30—said license being granted for Apr. 5.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 33 newsboys, 9 boot-blacks and two vendors.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, at 3:52 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:17 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits (on petitions referred today) for work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Patrick F. Shevlin, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 4 ft. by 3 ft. with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 599 East First St., Wd. 14.

Estate of F. L. Fay, to construct, maintain and use an 18-inch coal hole opening, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk in front of estate 295 Devonshire St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(2) Report on the petition of A. McLeod (referred today), recommending the passage of an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. McLeod to move a wooden building, pitch roof 32 ft. in length, by 18 ft. in width, by 18 ft. in height, from 15 Morris St., along Morris, Marion and Bremen Sts. to 172 Bremen St., Wd. 2, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (referred today), for an extension of time in which to erect poles in Bennington St., recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston in which to erect poles on Bennington St., under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen December 21, 1903, be and the same is hereby extended to June 1, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. (recommitted March 14), for leave to erect poles on Soley St., recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a black dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by C. A. Pearson; said pole to be located as follows:—

Soley St., near Warren St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 ft. x 14 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, Feb. 25, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred March 21), for leave to remove one pole in Warren St., recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove from Warren Ave., corner of Clarendon St., Wd. 10, one pole shown by a red dot on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated February 9, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw (petitions severally recommitted March 21), viz.:—

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. for leave to erect 36 poles in Bellevue St., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to erect 8 poles in Nightingale St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions:—

Charles H. Mayer (referred from last year), for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bennington St.

J. K. Whiting and Co. (one referred from last year and one Jan. 2, 1904), for compensation for damage to wagon by an overhanging tree on Charles St.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw. Sent down.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Ry. Co. (referred today), for locations for tracks on Sumner St. and Maverick Sq. and from Meridian St. to entrance to tunnel in Maverick Sq., and right to use trolley elec-

tric system thereon—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Apr. 18, at 3 P.M., when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; said order of notice passed.

CATCH BASIN, FELLOWS STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have a catch-basin located on Fellows St., Wd. 17.

Passed.

PAVING OF SOUTHAMPTON STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to pave Southampton St., from its junction with Massachusetts Ave. to Burnham St., Wd. 17, and Massachusetts Ave., from Southampton St. to Columbia Rd.

Passed.

LAMP ON BORDER STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp in front of 50 Border St., Wd. 2; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

RESURFACING OF FELLOWS STREET.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Fellows St., Wds. 12 and 17, resurfaced.

Passed.

STREET DEPARTMENT PICNICS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday, without loss of pay, in

part compensation for services, to all employees of the Street Department on the days of their annual picnics.

Passed. Sent down.

NEW PRECINCT LINES, WD. 22.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the expense incurred by the special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to change the precinct lines of Precincts One and Two of Wd. 22 be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Contingent Expenses.

Passed.

COMPLETION OF BROADWAY BRIDGE

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested to report to this Board when the Broadway Bridge will be completed and open for public travel.

Passed.

BASEBALL GROUNDS—STRANDWAY.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to put the baseball grounds on the Strandway in condition for use.

Passed. Sent down.

WRESTLING MATCH LICENSE.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the vote of this Board of Mar. 7, approved by the Mayor Mar. 10, granting a license to Frank W. Mead and Jacob B. Basch for an exhibition of wrestling at the rooms of the Central Athletic Club, corner of Green and Chardon Sts., on Tuesday evening, Mar. 15, 1904,—be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, at 5.23 p.m., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to meet on Monday, Apr. 4, at 3 p.m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, April 5, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,

March 23, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint C. Herbert Morton (32 Sidlaw Road, Wd. 25) a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term ending April 30, 1904. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

COMPLETION OF BROADWAY BRIDGE

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,

April 1, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order asking when the Broadway bridge will be completed and opened for public travel. Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall,

April 2, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:—

Sir: In reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen "That the City Engineer be requested to report to this Board when the Broadway bridge will be completed and open for public travel," I have to say that it is expected that Broadway bridge will be open to public travel by July 1st next. Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Lewis Witte, an electric sign, at 3 School St., Wd. 6.

John N. Landers, a sign, at 695 Washington St., Wd. 7.

S. M. Baker, an illuminated sign, at 17 Union St., Wd. 6.

The Tire Fitters, a wheel sign, at 184 Friend St., Wd. 8.

Price Bros., a sign, at 84 Green St., Wd. 8.

Joseph H. Care, a sign, at 3 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

M. Casady, two gas arc lamps, at 190 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Thomas White, a sign, at 158 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

Abraham Lewis, a sign, at 904 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

King & Stephen, electric sign, 719 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Thayer & Ewald, sign, 384A Washington St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Catherine Rooney, for compensation for

injuries sustained by her daughter, Dorothy, on account of the alleged negligence of the city in the removal of ice in yard of the Hawes Schoolhouse.

Barnett Goodman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Haverhill St.

Margaret E. Ryan, for compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer at 250 Shawmut Ave.

Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., and the Brookline Gas Light Company, that the first named company be allowed to attach its fixtures and wires to one pole of the second named company on Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to remove two poles on Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

For leave to relocate one pole each on L St., Wd. 14 and Zeigler St., Wd. 18.

For leave to erect three poles on Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect one pole on Corey St., Wd. 23.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to relocate one pole on Crescent Ave., opposite Moseley St.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:—

Boston Colored Suffrage League, on the evening of April 22.

St. Michael's Beneficent Association Incorporated, on the afternoon of May 8.

Foresters of America, on the evening of May 29.

Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on Oct. 3, day and evening, and Oct. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, daytime.

Boston Children's Aid Society, on the afternoon of Oct. 29.

Turner Defence Fund Com., on the evening of April 14.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Anthony McPhee, for leave to remove a tree at 124 Everett St., Wd. 2.

Annie E. Mansur, for the trimming of trees at 87 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Licenses.

Walter C. Abbott, for license for an entertainment at Union Hall, 507 Cambridge St., Brighton, for April 2, 1904.

Jeffries Point Rowing Association, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at the hall of said association, 384 Maverick St., for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Ernest R. Buffinton, for license for wrestling exhibition at Dudley Street Opera House on Saturday evening, April 16, 1904.

Abraham Richman, for a license for basket ball games in hall of Jamaica Plain Social & Athletic Club, 180 Green St., Jamaica Plain, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Jordan Marsh Co., to construct two coal hole openings in sidewalk at 48-50 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Ruth W. Sears, to place patent sidewalk light covers over areas at 16 Canal St., Wd. 6.

E. Noyes Whitcomb, to erect guy posts in St. Paul and Falmouth Sts., Wd. 10.

John Soley & Sons, to move a wooden building from 16 Morris St., to 211 Chelsea St., Wd. 1.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

James L. Dugan, 73 Decatur St., Wd. 3.

Clarence D. Beach, 204 Falcon St., Wd. 1.

H. A. Black, 51-5 Centre St., Wd. 24.

Horton & Hemmaway, 761-91 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to erect poles in certain streets, viz.:-

1. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, one pole on Preble St., at Dorchester St., Wd. 16.

John J. Nolan, of 51 Welles Ave., Dorchester, objected to the proposed pole, as an adjoining property owner.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, four poles on Brentwood St., between Athol and Franklin Sts., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, one pole on Dudley St., corner of Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

John A. Griggs, agent, representing estate 152 Dudley St., appeared and objected.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. On petition of Allen C. Jones for leave to project three window caps from the American House, Nos. 50-64 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

5. On petition of the Directors of the New England Railroad Company that this Board agree with them upon a route for a proposed branch or extension of its railroad from a point on the Boston & Providence Railroad near the West Roxbury Station, running westerly across the Charles River, as shown on a map filed with said petition.

Oscar B. Mowry, representing the Brookline Water Board, appeared and objected on the ground that this would seriously injure the water plant of the town of Brookline; besides which there is a serious doubt whether this can legally be done, as the town of Brookline has already acted under eminent domain.

Councilman Conway of Wd. 23 also appeared and objected, taking the ground that such action should not be had without careful investigation, on account of the changes of grades, etc., it will make necessary in the West Roxbury section.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:-

6. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of C. Herbert Morton to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Curley. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of John W. Reardon for leave to project one bay window from building No. 260 E. 8th St., Wd. 15—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, April 13, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the trustees of the Lovejoy Wharf Trust concerning the order for a location for a single track across Beverly St. from the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company to the wharf of the Dennis & Lovejoy Wharf and Warehouse Company,

agreeing to comply with all the terms and conditions attending said location.
Placed on file.

SALE OF OILS.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on several petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, approving of the same, viz.:-

Standard Oil Co. of New York, 6 and 8 Custom House St., Wd. 7.

Glaister Manufacturing Co., 114 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Thomas B. Jeffery & Co., 145 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Standard Oil Company of New York (for licenses to manufacture, refine, mix, store, and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum), Chelsea St., E. B., known as the Maverick Oil Works; Chelsea St., E. B., formerly occupied by the Beacon Oil Co., Pierce & Canterbury, and others.

Severally approved by the Board.
Standard Oil Co. of N. Y. for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 250 Freeport St., Wd. 24—disapproving of the same.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following, viz.:-

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to nineteen newsboys, 12 bootblacks and four vendors

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Walter C. Abbott (referred today) for license for entertainment at Union Hall, 507 Cambridge St., Brighton, on April 2d, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Ernest R. Bunting (referred today), for a license for a wrestling exhibition at Dudley Street Opera House on Saturday evening, April 16, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Abraham Richman (referred today), for a license for basket ball games in the hall of the Jamaica Plain Social and Athletic Club, 180 Green St., Jamaica Plain, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904—Recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dangerous tree standing in front of estate 366 Dudley St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

ABOLITION OF STATISTICS DEPT.

Ald. CURLEY offered the following:—An ordinance to abolish the statistics department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter Thirty-Seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby repealed.

Chapter Two of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one, in the clause providing for the appointment of certain trustees for the term of five years, by striking out the words, "one statistics trustee".

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Curley.

LAMP TO BE LIGHTED.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to make the lamp located in front of estate No. 160 K St., South Boston, to be lighted at the proper time.
Passed.

DUDLEY ST. TRANSFERS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to make the necessary arrangements so that passengers on the cars running from Jamaica Plain through Centre St. to the Dudley St. terminal may be issued transfers good on any of the surface lines passing by that point.
Passed.

WORK-HORSE PARADE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, mail and hospital wagons, the following streets for the formation and parade of the Boston Work-Horse Parade Association, on May 30, 1904, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 12 noon, viz.:—

For the Formation—Sherborn, Deerfield, Granby, Raleigh, Kenmore, Ashby and Chilmark Sts., Bay State Rd., Commonwealth Ave., north side, from Raleigh St. to Brighton Ave., Newbury St., between Charlesgate West and Brookline Ave., Brookline Ave., between Newbury and Beacon Sts., and Beacon St., from Charlesgate West to Commonwealth Ave.

For the Parade—Commonwealth Ave., south side, easterly from Brighton Ave. to Beacon St.
Passed.

BOUNDARY LINE OF NORTH END PLAYGROUND.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Law Department relating to the boundary line between the North End Playground and land adjoining on the southeast, formerly belonging to Charles A. McDonough, trustee.
Passed. Sent down.

A RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, the Board voted, at 3.36 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.35 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Globe Gaslight Co. (referred Mar. 21), for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 79 Union St., Wd. 6—that leave be granted to keep one day's supply.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions, as reported by the Committee.

(2) Reports on petitions referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions ex-

pressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto as follows:—

Jordan Marsh Co., to place, maintain and use two coal hole openings, 18 inches each in diameter, with iron covers of rough upper surface, over the present areas in the sidewalk in front of estate 48-50 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Ruth W. Sears to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the present areas in sidewalk in front of estate 16 Canal St., Wd. 16, and to remove the present iron gratings in said sidewalk.

E. Noyes Whitcomb, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows:—

One at or near 6 St. Paul St.

One on Falmouth St., at or near Chickering Hall, Wd. 10, for use during the erection of a building.

Jenney Mfg. Co. (referred Mar. 7), to place, maintain and use three two-inch iron pipes to connect with an iron trap 12 inches by 12 inches, with an iron cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on West First St., between D and E Sts., Wd. 13.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the appropriation bill (referred Mar. 28)—that the same ought to pass, with the following amendment:—Add \$5000 to the appropriation for Library Department, making the amount \$305,000, and deduct \$5000 from the appropriation for reserve fund, making the amount \$244,531.

The amendment was adopted.

The appropriation bill as amended was passed by a roll call, yeas 12, nays 0.

Sent down.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

Thomas W. Byrne (referred March 7), to project an illuminated sign at 8 Doane St., Wd. 6.

J. C. Frederick (referred Feb. 29), to project two gas arc lamps at 15 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Abraham Karam (referred Feb. 29), to project a gas arc lamp at 39 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange (referred Feb. 29), to project three gas arc lamps at 26 Central Sq., Wd. 1.

P. Pastene & Co. (referred March 28), to lower the cellar bottom of building 73-75 Fulton St., Wd. 6, to grade 9.

Elmer A. Anderson (referred March 28), to project a lamp at 138 Court St., Wd. 6.

Martin Kazangian (referred Mar. 28), to project a sign at 1 Madison St., Wd. 18.

Dartmouth Drug Co. (referred March 28), to project a druggist's mortar at 100 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Frank McDonald (referred Mar. 28), to project a sign at 100 Church St., Wd. 11.

W. Winder, Commander, U. S. N. (referred Mar. 28), to project a sign at 66 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

H. C. Jones (referred Mar. 28), to project a V-shaped sign at 47 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.
State St. Associates (referred Mar. 7), to construct cellar bottom of building, 7-9 Broad St., at grade 6.

William H. Sullivan (referred Feb. 29), to project two arc lamps at 305 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Casper Berry & Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project one gas arc lamp at 86 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Tortorella (referred Mar. 21), to project a gas arc lamp at 8 West Dedham St., Wd. 12.

Simon Shapiro (referred Mar. 28), to project a gas arc lamp at 206 Cambridge St., Wd. 11.

Alexander Cava (referred Mar. 28), to

project a gas arc lamp at 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

J. & M. Parmelee (referred Mar. 28), to project gas arc lamps at 90-92 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

E. H. Munch (referred March 14), to project a gas arc lamp at 12 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

E. E. LeClair (referred March 14), to project a gas arc lamp at 5 State St., Wd. 6.

J. H. McCarthy (referred Mar. 28), to project a sign at 109 Pleasant St., Wd. 7.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project an electric sign at 163 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Washington Credit Co. (referred Mar. 7), to project an illuminated sign at 782 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. & A. Bacon (referred Mar. 21), to project an electric sign at 2175 Washington St., Wd. 18.

H. W. Munch Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project an illuminated sign at 13 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

E. E. Gray Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project an illuminated sign at 156 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

E. E. Gray Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project an illuminated sign at 124 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

E. E. Gray Co. (referred Feb. 29), to project an illuminated sign at 75 Union St., Wd. 6.

Hanan & Son (referred Jan. 18), to project an illuminated sign at 14 Summer St., Wd. 7.

H. W. Huguley Co. (referred Feb. 15), to project an electric sign at 126 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Barney Ferguson (committed Jan. 25), to project one bay window from building 261 Dorchester St., Wd. 15, over corner Dorchester and West Ninth Sts.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Wolf Levy (referred Mar. 28), to project a pole for clothing at 172 Friend St., Wd. 6., that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted, petitioner given leave to withdraw.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. KNEELAND, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted a report on the petition of The Turner Defence Fund Committee (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 14—Recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (severally referred today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove two poles from Clarendon St., Wd. 10, between Chandler St. and Columbus Ave., said poles being shown by red dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated Mar.

18, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

L St., near the bridge, Wd. 14, 1 pole; Zeigler St., between Washington and Warren Sts., Wd. 18, 1 pole; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft. x 13 in.; date of plan, April 2, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from L St. one pole and from Zeigler St. one pole shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(2) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. (referred today), for leave to relocate a pole on Crescent Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said pole to be located as follows:—

Crescent Ave., opposite Moseley St., 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 45 ft. x 15 in.; date of plan, April 4, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Crescent Ave. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIVISION ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Division St., Wd. 12.

Passed. Sent down.

RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. QUIGLEY moved to reconsider the action taken on all reports, orders, votes, petitions and papers submitted today, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, at 5.47 P.M., to meet on Monday, April 11, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, April 7, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL ON CAL-
LENDER ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Fire Commissioner stating that the keeping of combustible waste on property on Callender St., Wd. 24, referred to in your order of March 24, has been discontinued.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

Fire Department, Bristol St.

Boston, March 30, 1904.

His Honor Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—Replying to the request of The Honorable, The Common Council, I respectfully report that the nuisance of keeping combustible material on the property of Joshua T. West, Callender St., Wd. 24, has been removed.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Russell, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

BASE-BALL AT MARCELLA-ST. PLAY-
GROUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting that the Marcella-St. Playground be placed in condition for base-ball playing.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Boston, April 7, 1904.

Hon. James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir: The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council requesting us to plow and roll the Marcella St. Playground, and put the same in a suitable condition for base-ball playing. The ground is now in fair condition for ball-playing, but we shall improve it by rolling as soon as the conditions will permit. It would be a mistake to plow the ground.

Respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF CONVENIENCE STA-
TIONS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
April 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in answer to your order asking his opinion as to the authority for removing certain specified convenience stations.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,

Law Department, 73 Tremont St., Boston, April 7, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:—

Dear Sir: In reply to the inquiry of the Common Council made through you as to

"where the authority is vested for the removal of the public convenience stations on the Common near the corner of Boylston St. and Tremont St., and in the passageway between Blackstone and Endicott Sts." I have to say:—

That the power to order the removal of the station on the Common is with the City Council, to be carried into effect by the Superintendent of Public Grounds, and the power to order the removal of the station in the passageway, (assuming, as I do, that it is a public passageway), is with the same body, to be carried into effect by the Superintendent of Streets.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.
Placed on file.

UNION FREIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Apr. 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I enclose herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel in answer to your order requesting his opinion as to the authority to regulate the use of the tracks of the Union Freight Railway Company.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

City of Boston.

Law Department, 73 Tremont St.,

Boston, Apr. 7, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Dear Sir: The Common Council through you have asked the following questions:

1. Is there any limitation as to the number of hours in each day during which the Union Freight Railway Company may operate its cars through the streets of the City of Boston?—and to this question I answer that there is no limitation at the present time.

2. Is there any limitation to the number of cars which may be hauled at one time through the streets of the City of Boston?—to which I answer that, at the present time, there is no such limitation.

3. If there are any limitations as to the time of operation and length of trains, what is the proper procedure in case these limitations are being violated, and if there are no limitations, does the power exist in any body to make any limitations?—and to this I answer that, in my opinion, the Union Freight Railway is subject to the laws relating to street railways, and Revised Laws, chapter 112, section 42, provides, in regard to the use of street railway tracks, that "the Board of Aldermen or the Selectmen may, from time to time, make such regulations as to the manner and extent of use of tracks and the number and routes of cars of any and all companies which run over such tracks within their city or town as the interest of public travel may require."

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.
Placed on file.

COST OF PAVING EASTERN AVENUE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Apr. 7, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order asking for an estimate of the cost of repairing Eastern Ave., from Atlantic Ave. to the South Ferry.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor
Street Department, City Hall.

Boston, Mass., April 7, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of paving and regulating East-

ern Ave., from Atlantic Ave. to the South Ferry, is \$11,350.

Respectfully,
James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 1, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I return without my approval an order authorizing the Superintendent of Public Grounds to make such changes in the Cogswell Fountain, now stored under his care, as will cause it to meet with the approval of the Art Commission, and to then place it at the junction of South Conway, South Fairview and Roberts Sts., West Roxbury, the expense incurred to be charged to the Department of Public Grounds.

I am informed that no estimate has been made of the expense which it would be necessary to incur before the Art Commission would approve the placing of this fountain in the location specified, and that it is not certain that the expenditure of any amount of money in making the changes would result in such approval by that Commission. In any event, the expense of remodeling the fountain and placing it at the junction of these streets should not be charged to the appropriation for the Department of Public Grounds, but should be paid, if at all, from some other appropriation.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

The message was sent up. The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Charles H. Mayer, referred November 9, 1903, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bennington St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Report of same committee, on petition of J. K. Whiting and Company, referred December 21, 1903, and January 2, 1904, for compensation for damages to wagon by an overhanging tree on Charles St.—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to put the baseball grounds in the Strandway in condition for use.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized, in the name and behalf of the City, to enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Law Department relating to the boundary line between the North End Playground and land adjoining on the southeast, formerly belonging to Charles A. McDonough, trustee.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Division St., Wd. 12.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to grant a holiday without loss of pay, in part compensation for services, to all employees of the Street Department on the days of their annual picnics.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations recommending the passage of Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1904-1905. (City Doc. 62.)

Said orders come down passed for concurrence, with amendments, viz.:—

In the item for Library Department sub-

stitute three hundred and five thousand dollars in place of three hundred thousand dollars; and in the item for Reserve Fund substitute two hundred forty-four thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars in place of two hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars.

The report was accepted, the order was read once, and Mr. McDermott of Wd. 7 moved that the rule be suspended, that the order might take its second reading and be put upon its passage.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 called for the yeas and nays on the question of suspending the rules.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I trust that the rule will not be suspended tonight, and that this order will not come up for action or be passed by the Council at this time. There is a matter that deeply concerns the City of Boston as a financial question, and that deeply concerns the part of Boston known as East Boston; and I have been unable, Mr. President and gentlemen, to obtain all the figures I should like to be able to present to this Council, in stating the case for East Boston. It appears to me that the sinking fund requirements as stated in this appropriation bill, should be increased by an amount sufficient to relieve the people of East Boston from the necessity of paying that one cent toll in the tunnel, and that the city should pay that toll. Inasmuch as I have not the complete figures, but only figures enough to know what will be required for the first year, and because I shall be able to obtain the figures I desire by one week from tonight, and will in that way be more able to give a satisfactory account of the case of East Boston, I trust that the rule will not be suspended, and that the bill will not come up for passage tonight.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I wish to second what the previous speaker has said, and to say, further, that when this bill relative to the East Boston Tunnel toll was before the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs of the Legislature last Tuesday, the Corporation Counsel said there that the remedy did not lie with the legislature, that it was within the province of the City Government, and that there should be some order introduced in the Common Council or the Board of Aldermen to rectify the matter. Of course, there has been no opportunity to do anything of the kind since then; and I heartily hope that the matter will be allowed to stand, as the previous speaker has said, in order that we may get further data with which to present our case.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I believe in giving the gentleman in the third division a little more time. I have heard the remarks he has made, and I think if the bill was held up for a week longer, the members of the City Council would be given a little more opportunity to look into the different items. I personally, wish a little extension of time; and I sincerely hope and trust that the bill will be assigned to the next meeting.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I am surprised to see that so many members here present do not care to have the rule suspended tonight. If they will examine the payrolls and will inquire of the laborers of the different departments, they will find that the laborers have not been paid for the past week. At least a dozen such cases have been brought to my personal attention in the last few days, in the Building Department alone, and unless this bill is passed tonight the laborers will not get their pay this week. I believe that the bill has been thoroughly discussed and considered by the Committee on Appropriations, and, having passed the Board and being before us for action, I believe it is our duty to pass it tonight, under all

the circumstances. I trust the rule will be suspended.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, the gentleman has said that this matter was thoroughly threshed out in the Board of Aldermen. I should like to draw the gentleman's attention to the fact that East Boston has no representative in the Board of Aldermen, and that the claims of East Boston to fair treatment were not considered, because they were not presented. I sympathize as heartily as the member himself with the men who may be obliged to go without their pay for a week or so; but I respectfully suggest that it is not the fault of the Council that this bill has not been presented earlier. If anybody is at fault, it is the Committee on Appropriations, who have so long delayed their report. But there is a question of principle here, and I trust that that question of principle will be given a fair hearing—which it will not receive if the rules are suspended tonight.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything upon suspension of the rule; but after the remarks of the gentleman who has just sat down, I must say that I feel that the Committee on Appropriations gave this appropriation bill the most careful consideration and attention. Every part of Boston was considered patiently and carefully, and the committee acted wisely in recommending the bill as it appears tonight. I trust that the motion to suspend the rule will be carried, that the bill will be passed, that employees will receive their salaries, and that the departments will be able to do business.

(Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 in the Chair).

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I should like to say further, speaking to the question, that a little over thirteen million people patronize the East Boston ferries each year. It is fair to say that a large part of them will patronize the tunnel, and so you see it is not a matter interesting a few people. It is a matter in which a large number of people are interested, and their rights ought to be considered. We ought to consider thirteen million people—especially when we can have an opportunity to consider their rights in this matter by postponing the action upon the bill for but one week. I think the members of the various departments will not be seriously incommoded if they have to wait for that length of time, and it will give us an opportunity to consider this important matter. I did not know until the matter came up before the legislature that the Common Council had the authority to make a provision which would enable the City of Boston to pay this toll, instead of having it placed upon the people of East Boston, and I don't think any other gentleman knew it. It is a matter of great importance, if provision can be made for the assumption of the toll by the city. We ought to have time to look into it, and I hope that time will be allowed us.

Mr. DOLAN of Wd. 5—I dislike very much, Mr. President, to oppose at this time the request of any member of the Council, but I feel that the demands of the various departments and of the City itself are such that the appropriation bill hardly brooks of delay. The argument as to whether or not the proper way to take care of the toll proposition in connection with the East Boston Tunnel is by an addition to the sinking fund, whereby the whole citizenship pays the toll for the benefit of the citizens of East Boston, is one that I am not prepared to discuss at just this minute. I do say, however, that if that is a fair question for discussion, this is not the time to discuss it. I think that the statement that there has not been time to look into this bill is somewhat fallacious. It was some two or two months and a half ago that the bill was recommended by His Honor the Mayor. There have been some minor changes in the bill itself—changes with which I may not

agree, but which I have accepted, for the purpose of putting the bill through, since they are not very great changes. I think that the members of the Council have had a full opportunity to examine into this bill and to make any protest that they have tonight. The Committee on Appropriations reported the bill two weeks ago. The bill, in its reported form, has been before the members of the Government ever since. The bill, during its process in the Committee on Appropriations, was before the members of the Government, through the means of the daily papers, and since it was reported to the Board of Aldermen, it has not only been before them in the daily papers, but has been sent to their homes in the shape of a document.

They have all had an opportunity to look over the bill which, since it was recommended by the Mayor, has only been changed by the addition of some fifty thousand dollars to some seven or eight departments,—all taken from the reserve fund, which was in the first place \$300,000. Of course, it is a matter of not so very great importance to me personally, that this bill should go through, but I feel that, inasmuch as the condition of the affairs of the city is such that workmen must be suspended, unless it is passed, it is very essential that whatever we do should be done tonight. If the gentlemen insist that the East Boston Tunnel proposition be taken care of in this bill, I feel that I shall have to vote against that proposition, for the reason that it would entail delay. Let us discuss the bill tonight and dispose of it. If it is a good proposition to avoid the tolls to East Boston by increasing the appropriation for the sinking funds, that matter can, no doubt, be met by a transfer from the reserve fund at any time, with the approval of the Finance Committee and the Mayor of the City of Boston. I feel that, under those conditions, the bill should not be delayed on that account. I am authorized to state that the Superintendent of Streets will be obliged to suspend 3000 men if the appropriation bill is not passed this week. That is a matter which appeals to me very strongly. In the locality which I have the honor to represent in part I am known to those who would rather that I did not sit in the councils of the City of Boston, as an anti-labor man; and I am known as such by reason of my refusal to sacrifice my self-respect by voting for orders which have been absolutely illegal and absolutely useless, but which have been introduced into this body. I voted, to give an example, this last year against approving an order which was introduced in the Board of Aldermen for the removal of the poles of the Western Union Telegraph Company. I voted against it because it was illegal, because the Western Union Telegraph Company has a right to maintain poles and wires in any street, in any public road or highway in the United States, where that company has authority to enter, and because those poles, when once planted, cannot be removed unless a suitable location is provided in which to place the poles that have been removed. That means, Mr. President, that there can be no removal, that there can only be a change in location and that after a hearing.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will please state his point of order.

Mr. FAY—That the gentleman is not talking on the bill before the house.

The CHAIR—The Chair will declare the point of order not well taken. (Laughter.)

Mr. DOLAN—Mr. President, I would state that if the gentleman gives me a few minutes, I will come to the point that I am trying to make. Because I voted against

that order, which was afterwards rescinded on motion of the very man who offered it in the Board of Aldermen, on account of its being illegal, I was accused of being a corporation man, of being opposed to labor, and, in the language of the honorable gentleman who wrote the circular, it was stated that I was "In favor of a policy which led young women into shame, temptation and degradation." (Laughter.)

I voted against a proposition which was raised in the Committee on Appropriations providing for the insertion of a clause that the pay of laborers should be raised from \$2.00 to \$2.25 a day, and I voted against it for the same reason, namely that it was illegal for us to interfere. I am informed that I am to be attacked as an enemy of labor because I refused to stultify myself and to vote for something which the City Charter says I shall not vote for. Now, I say that here is a real opportunity for those men here tonight who are interested in the laborer to do something practical in the interests of labor. These departments of the city cannot be operated longer. If any man says he has not had an opportunity to go through this bill, then he certainly has been guilty of negligence. This bill has been before the Government for almost two months and a half. It comes to you tonight in almost the same form that it came to us from His Honor the Mayor. If this proposition in reference to the tolls—which seems to be important—is to be discussed, let it be discussed tonight. I do not say that it is not worthy of discussion, but I do say that we should not postpone action on this bill, when we can thrash the thing out here tonight. I do not maintain that men have no right to oppose this bill. I do not maintain that the bill is perfect. But if it is not perfect, I say their remedy is here tonight, and that, in the interest of the various departments and in the interest of the men employed in those departments, we should discuss the matter tonight, and should come to some conclusion. In order that this money may be available.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22.—Mr. President and Fellow Members, I learned within the last day or two that if this bill is not passed tonight, on Friday morning there will be a number of laborers discharged. Of course, it is the same old thing—the man in overalls is held up as a shield. For that reason, being a friend of the workingmen, I intend to vote for the suspension of the rules—and for that reason alone. I do not want to see any man thrown out of work for one or two weeks, on account of this appropriation bill, because if a man who is only earning two dollars a day is turned down and made to loaf for one or two weeks, it takes him three or four or five or six weeks, if not longer, to make up the two weeks that he has lost. When the eloquent gentleman from Charlestown (Mr. Dolan) got up and quoted his being spoken of as an anti-labor man because he did not vote in the Committee on Appropriations for the proposition to give the laborers two dollars and a quarter a day, and stated that he voted against it because that order was illegal, I state here and now, as it has been stated before in the Boston papers, that that order was legal—and it is legal, because if the people study the order they will see that, while it was put in as an order, it was an order only in form, and was in effect a request, and a unanimous request, of both branches of the City Government. There was nothing at all illegal about it. To claim that is only a humbug and a sham. I say here and now that there is no member of this Council who will want to see the laboring man loaf for two weeks. The city gives employment to many a laboring man from my district, and many of them have come to me and said: "Do

us a favor, and see that you do your duty by voting to pass the appropriation bill tonight, because if it does not go through, we have been tipped off that we would loaf until it passes." For that reason, I hope that the bill will be passed, and that the motion to suspend the rule will prevail.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11.—Mr. President, as I understand it, the departments are allowed to spend one-third of their appropriation. If that is true, then they ought to have enough money to last them until the first of May. If that is so, they should have twenty-three more days before they have reached their limit. It seems to me that if they come here with that plea, it is simply an acknowledgement of extravagance and waste,—just what we are here to put a stop to.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1.—Mr. President, to say the least, it is a strange coincidence that the appropriations should have been exhausted upon this particular night—even supposing that there is not a sufficient amount of money to carry them until May 1st, as the previous speaker has said there ought to be. Nevertheless, that is beside the question. I hesitate to cross swords with the President of this honorable body, or the gentleman from West Roxbury who followed him; but, Mr. President, it seems to me that, even if the pay of 3000 men is in jeopardy, that is an insignificant matter in comparison with the rights of 13,000,000 people. I do not believe that the pay of the laborers should be stopped, but, even if it is, it is a matter which is small in comparison with the rights of a great section of the city like East Boston. Now, Mr. President, the President of this Council stated that we had had ample time to discuss and examine into this bill. So we have, I agree with all that argument; but we have not had ample time in which to make provision for this toll question. It was only last Tuesday that the Corporation Counsel stated before the Metropolitan Committee that the matter could be remedied right here in our own city government; so we have only had two days to look into the matter. It seems to me that this body is fair-minded enough to allow a whole constituency as large as East Boston one week more in which to make some provision for the protection of the interests in time to come. This is not a matter of one week or two weeks; it is a matter of five or ten years—the constant paying of tolls. I think that it is an injustice, for the reason that this tunnel is simply a part of the rapid transit development, just the same as the Charlestown bridge is a part of it. We pay our share towards the Charlestown Bridge, but the Charlestown people pay nothing for this tunnel. But if we pay our share towards the Charlestown Bridge, towards the South Boston bridges, and the subway of the city, why should not the rest of the city help us out on the tunnel? That is the question before us. You are doing an injustice in forcing this toll upon the people of East Boston, if it is in the power of this Company to remedy the present condition of affairs.

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24.—Mr. President and members of the Council, I see no reason why this bill should not pass here tonight. As our president has stated on the floor here, this bill has been under consideration for nearly two months, and there is no reason why every member of this body should not be fully conversant with every item in the bill tonight. Leaving out of consideration the men employed in the city departments altogether, as we know that they will get employment again in time, we should look at the needs and requirements of the city and decide what to do about this bill tonight. The spring of the year is the time when the street-cleaning division, the sanitary division, and the other divisions of the city have to pay more attention to their work, and have to spend more money, than during any other time of the year.

I claim that we have no right tonight to tie up this bill, but that we should put it through. So far as the members from East Boston are concerned, and the toll of one cent in connection with the East Boston tunnel, I think there are other ways whereby that matter can be attended to. An order can be introduced in the Council to remedy that matter at any time. I fail to see how this appropriation bill has any bearing whatsoever upon this toll of one cent in the tunnel to East Boston. I fail to see why the gentlemen from East Boston have any right to introduce any order or set forth to us tonight any facts in reference to the one cent toll to East Boston, because that has no bearing whatever upon the passage of the appropriation bill tonight. The appropriation bill has been considered fully by the Committee on Appropriations, and has been accepted by each and every member of the Council, so far as I have learned, as a compromise measure. Perhaps we do not think that it is perfect. Our President has said that he does not consider that it is a perfect bill. But it is as perfect a bill as each and every member could agree upon, as a whole. I see no reason why we should not, as a body, accept it, if we think it is a fair and square bill for the city of Boston. Certainly the departments of the city need the money. It is the beginning of the year, and it is the time to set the wheels in motion that will give us good streets, clean crossings, and everything that is needed, and especially needed in the spring of the year. I fail to see whereby hanging up this bill one week or two weeks will better the condition of the bill at all. It will only bring about more discussion, and we will be more at loggerheads at the end of the two weeks than we are tonight. I hope that the bill will be passed tonight.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I came here tonight with the intention of not speaking, with the intention of being a silent spectator, but when one of my colleagues from East Boston raised the issue that the appropriation bill should be assigned for one meeting, I thought I should raise my voice in protest against it. His reason for the delay of one week was principally because of the cent toll to East Boston. In regard to that cent toll, I would state that the argument is all one-sided. It is one of the biggest injustices ever perpetrated upon that part of Boston known as East Boston. But I feel that the time is not opportune to fight that cent toll, and when it is there is no one who will fight it more vigorously or perseveringly than I. Although that is an injustice to the people of East Boston, I think, as has been suggested by the President, that we should not throw out three thousand employees by assigning the matter for one week or even for a fraction of that time. I say that the appropriation bill should go through tonight.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 moved the previous question.

The CHAIR—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I believe the gentleman who arose and addressed the Chair has had the floor once this evening and that other gentlemen arose at the same time who had not been recognized; and I think in fairness to those gentlemen, that they should have been recognized.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that, in order to be fair, he found out from looking over the body, that things were getting a little bit tangled up; that, therefore, he decided to recognize the members by divisions—taking the divisions in their order—and recognizing one member at a time. Mr. Fay addressed the Chair, in the order of divisions, and was recognized,

the Chair thinks properly, and the Chair thinks the point of order is not well taken. The question is, shall the main question be now put? Three minutes for debate is allowed each member.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I think the discussion which has been started shows that there are some things beneath the surface that will be brought to the surface if a fair discussion is permitted. I should like to vote for this bill tonight, if possible, but if I am to be choked off, with other members, if we are not to be allowed to present what we think should be fairly presented, I see no way but to vote against the appropriation bill. It will be with much regret that I do this, but I must insist on a fair hearing, or I shall strike back.

Mr. DOLAN of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I will suggest to the gentleman that the motion for the previous question was made by a gentleman who argued against suspension of the rule and in favor of the contention of Mr. Carter himself—so that it is quite unfair, I think, to attribute the choking-off process to one opposed to him, when it has come from one who favors his proposition.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I would like to suggest that the making of a motion does not pass it, by any means. When a motion is made, it then becomes a question for the whole body to consider, entirely apart from the individual who makes it. I addressed the body, trusting that the body would not pass the motion, and my remarks were not intended to cast any reflection on the gentleman who made it.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything on the appropriation bill, but after sitting down and listening to the oratory which has contributed to the evening's enjoyment, I think it is about time that we come to a vote. Mr. Carter has talked about being choked off,—but I think he has done about half the talking, and he cannot complain much. It is up to us to decide whether the laborers of the City of Boston shall be laid off or shall continue at work and be paid their salaries.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I carefully avoided reference to the main question, but spoke to the previous question. I trust that the gentleman behind me will be confined to the same question.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that during the debate he has allowed certain latitude, and that he does not intend to confine the gentlemen too closely.

Mr. MAYNARD—Mr. President, with regard to the toll to East Boston, I believe something should be done in regard to that matter; but I believe there are other ways to get at it besides holding up the appropriation bill with that as a club. I think the best thing for us to do now is to look after the laboring people, by passing the appropriation bill. Then, where there is a will there is always a way, and later we will find some way to relieve the people of East Boston from this injustice which the gentleman claims. I trust that the rule will be suspended and that the appropriation bill will be put upon its passage.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I sincerely hope the previous question will not be ordered. I believe each and every member of this body, if he sees fit, should be given an opportunity to discuss a measure of so much importance to the city of Boston as this measure which we are discussing tonight. I believe that is the only intelligent way in which a member of this body can find out what way to vote—by hearing a thorough discussion of the merits of the bill and of the merits of any objections to the passage of the bill, at this present time.

I certainly hope, Mr. President and fellow-members, that the members of this body will not be so narrow as to stop

debate at this time, because perhaps they are in a hurry to get away. If so, they should have stayed away, and paid attention to the interests they are in a hurry to leave this room for, rather than stay here and look after the interests of the citizens of Boston, whom they are supposed to represent in this Council Chamber.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be ordered at this time, if for no other particular reason, for the fact that I have heard a gentleman state that he has been led to believe by some great big "Con" men among the heads of departments that three hundred or four hundred city employees will be discharged if this appropriation bill does not pass. As far as the East Boston tunnel is concerned, I believe that provision can be made for that, probably, by a transfer from the Reserve Fund, or by some special legislation which we may possibly take up in this body. As far as believing what the heads of departments tell you, fellow-members, don't you believe one of them. (Laughter.) They will tell you more lies than a horse can trot. (Laughter.) They told me last year that if I did not vote for the loan bill three hundred employees from the Sewer Division would be discharged, and the poor men waited upon me at my house and asked me to vote for the bill. They were pitifully used as clubs to club members into line. I did not vote for the heads of departments, but for them, and I vote for the appropriation tonight for them, and for nobody else—not believing that they will get discharged, because they won't get discharged. That is all a "Con" game. (Laughter.) But it is a necessity that this bill should be passed. That is my personal, practical view of it. If the streets are being neglected, and the cry is that they haven't any money, for the Lord's sake give them all they can spend, and let them spend it (laughter) as long as we get good, decent streets, and everything pertaining to the good of the people we represent. They use the poor laborers for a club, but they don't say anything to you about the foremen, the big-heads, who do nothing but walk the sidewalks from morning to night and take in the theatres on our badges. (Laughter.) Those are the men who should be discharged, men receiving anything from three dollars and a half to four dollars a day, and the amount they receive should be given to the laboring men. Then you would not have to discharge them.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President and gentlemen, the gentleman from South Boston has been referring to me as taking bluffs from the heads of departments. (Laughter.) He says that for that reason I have come here to vote for the appropriation bill. I want to state to him, and to every member of this Council, that it takes a pretty good fellow to throw a "Con" into me. (Laughter.)

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that the question is, shall the main question be now put, and will ask the gentleman to confine his remarks to the question before the Council.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, if the appropriation bill does not pass, and they see fit to suspend the men—not discharge them, I did not say that they would discharge them, but if they see fit to suspend the men—they will go ahead and do it. They have got the power to do it, and they will do it. It is not the heads of departments who have come to me. I am the last member of this body that they would go to. But the laboring men have come to me and told me what they were told, that if this bill was not passed by Friday they would be suspended, because there was not money enough in the departments to pay them until the bill

was passed. For that reason, I have come here to vote for the appropriation bill—not because of any bluffs or anything else. It is for the workingmen's interests, and for their interests alone, and nobody's else, that I take the position that I do here tonight.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I suggest at this time that it might be well to preserve parliamentary sobriety and discuss this matter without the pyrotechnics which have been indulged in by previous speakers, looking at it in a fair way. I believe the principal objection offered this evening to the passage of this bill comes from East Boston, because of the fact that they have been imposed upon by the payment of this one cent for toll. If there has been one thing said this evening that has impressed me as doing away with any necessity of discussing that matter at this time, it is what was said by the honorable President of this body—that money could be transferred from the reserve fund of \$244,000 to take care of that toll question, when the gentlemen from that district have presented to this body the memoranda and data that they are now at a loss to present. If that is the only objection to the passage of this bill tonight, I say that we should vote for the bill; and I know that when reasons and arguments are presented, showing that there is an injustice on the question of the toll, there will be a transfer made to do away with that injustice, and I will be the first one to vote for it. I hope the rule will be suspended and that the order will go on its passage. If not, and if there is no money to run the ferries, the gentlemen from East Boston will have to swim over.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that the ten minutes allowed for debate have expired. The question is, shall the main question be ordered?

The main question was declared ordered. Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the main question was ordered—yeas 52, nays 17:

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Brazell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—52.

Nays—Bradley, Carter, Conway (23), Cook, Crowley, W. A. H., Fitzgerald, T. F., Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, MacLoud, McKie, McKnight, Pierce, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—17.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Dolan, Jepson, Leavitt, Richardson—6.

The rule was declared suspended. Mr. CARTER doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the rule was suspended—yeas 53, nays 16:

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—53.

Nays—Carter, Cook, Dalton, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, MacLoud,

McKie, McKnight, Pierce, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—16.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Dolan, Jcpson, Leavitt, Richardson—6.

President DOLAN in the Chair.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an amendment to increase the appropriation for Bath Department \$10,000, and the appropriation for Public Grounds Department \$5000, taking the \$15,000 from the Reserve Fund.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I desire to also offer an amendment to the bill.

The PRESIDENT—Does the amendment the gentleman desires to offer relate to the same matter?

Mr. CARTER—No, Mr. President, it does not.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will suggest that the several amendments had better be taken up in order.

The question came on the adoption of Mr. Fay's amendment.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I desire at this time to say a few short words in regard to the amendment I have offered to this order. The Bath Department last year expended \$163,000. This year \$155,000 is offered to the Department. The Ward 16 municipal building was closed for lack of funds. The Cabot St. Bathhouse is almost completed and will shortly be ready to be opened. I cannot see how the Bath Department is going to open the Wd. 16 municipal building and the Cabot St. Bathhouse if it does not have more funds. I have thoroughly investigated this Department and I find that if more money is not appropriated for it several men will be suspended. I sincerely hope and trust that the members of this Council will see that this amount is appropriated to the Bath Department for the coming year. It is a case of necessity. The department spent \$163,000 last year, and this year with two new places being opened, it will be impossible for the Department to live within its appropriation. In regard to the Public Grounds Department, I wish to say that this year it will be necessary to appropriate \$5000 at least for the visit of the Grand Army veterans. The City of Boston needs decoration. I have had a personal talk with the Superintendent of Public Grounds, and it is necessary that he should be given at least \$5000 in order to make the city look appropriate to receive the visitors. I sincerely hope and trust that the members of this Council will see the necessity of this amendment.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Fay.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I simply rise to a parliamentary inquiry. Do I understand that both these amendments—that referring to the appropriation for Public Grounds and that referring to the appropriation for the Bath Department,—are to be put together, or is the question to be divided?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that they are presented as one amendment.

Mr. COOK—Then, Mr. President, I will ask for a division of the questions. I desire to vote for one and against the other.

The PRESIDENT—The first item is an increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation for the bath department. The question comes on the adoption of the item.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I hope this amendment, or any other amendment to this bill, will not pass tonight. I have warned my colleagues, speaking as a member of the minority party, and as a member who has not any men in the departments—because men of my party in my district in the employ of the city of Boston are scarcer than hens' teeth, and I can, therefore, speak fairly, and simply on a business basis—that this bill should be passed tonight without amendment. After the talk that has been made in the

Council tonight about men being laid off—three thousand, five hundred, and all sorts of figures—I am surprised that amendments should be presented to this bill by members of the majority party which will do the very thing which you have asked not to have done. They will simply delay this bill, put it back another week. Mr. President, if there are to be any amendments offered and adopted, I have some that I would like to introduce myself, which I know will not be adopted.

Mr. CONBOY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I heartily agree with the member from Wd. 18 in the necessity of increasing the appropriation for Public Grounds Department by \$5000. That department is in sore need of money. It is a very important department, taking care of the public grounds, and I honestly believe it should receive the money that the gentleman from Wd. 18 asks for.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that at this time no amendments to the original bill will be passed. The gentleman from Wd. 18 (Mr. Fay) lays particular stress upon the fact that the Wd. 16 bath-house was closed for lack of funds. I may be misinformed, but it is my idea and my comprehension that the Wd. 16 bath-house is in the municipal building, and as I understand it, the municipal building has never been open. Consequently, being something that has never been opened, I cannot see why it could be closed for lack of funds. Fellow-members, as far as the Cabot-St. bath is concerned, I have seen the building in process of construction within a short time, and it seems to me it will be some time before that building can be opened. It seems to me, from the size of the building—although I know nothing at all about what it costs to operate a building of that kind—that \$5000 for a year is not enough for the Cabot-St. bath-house. Consequently, Mr. President, I don't believe that that amendment should pass.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I trust that the amendment appropriating an additional \$10,000 to the Bath Department will prevail. The City of Boston, in advance of nearly all the cities of the United States, has embarked in an important venture for the benefit of the plain people who live in districts where the landlords provide no baths at all. There are, as you all know, thousands of such tenements in the City of Boston. We have embarked upon that enterprise, owing to the foresight of an ex-Mayor of Boston, the Honorable Josiah Quincy. I believe he has added to Boston one of its most important institutions and one which will redound to his credit as much as many of the things which his worthy grandfather left us, before him. The Bath Department is a department which is being well administered. The Mayor, of course, is seeking economy, and I agree with him. I think we want economy. There is room for more economy in the present appropriation bill—much more; but there is not so much room for economy, gentlemen, in the departments that are being run by men who have not much connection with politics, men like Mr. Robert A. Woods of the South End House Association, who know much more about the public needs, the needs of the poor, than possibly most of us here. Those men, after being asked by the Mayor to give an estimate containing rock-bottom figures, and being told personally, as well as in a written communication, that there was no money this year and that they must confine themselves to the lowest figure, ask for \$27,000 more than is given in the Mayor's bill. Mr. President, those gentlemen are not extravagant. Mr. Chase, the Mayor's expert, who found fault with other departments, when he examined the Bath Department at the request of the Mayor, spoke very highly of that department. He

found that it was being well and carefully managed, and I want to read to you one extract from what he said:—

"The immense value of these opportunities to the rising generation of the tenements no one who looks into the facts can dispute. To see 200 boys on the floor of the East Boston gymnasium is a sight which tends to justify much public expense. Many of these boys are too poor to buy rubber-soled shoes and therefore appear in stocking, or stockingless feet, but they go through exercises which develop their muscles, straighten their backs, expand their chests and at the same time give them discipline, with a zest and attention to the instructors' orders and to the rhythm of the movements, as set by the piano, which is warming to the heart of the observer."

Gentlemen, this blunt man of statistics and figures has the cockles of his heart warmed when he goes in and sees the great work that is being done by the City of Boston. And it is a great work that is being done by European aristocratic municipalities, gentlemen. It is being done there, and it seems to me we have imported from Europe one grand institution. Let us not stultify ourselves by giving them an appropriation which we know they must exceed, as they exceeded their appropriation of last year. Let us not encourage this department in spending money beyond its appropriation. Let us give it tonight what we think is going to be necessary for its maintenance, giving it no excuse for violating the ordinances by going beyond its appropriation. One new bathhouse has remained closed about three months—and, notwithstanding what has been said, I am informed by one in authority that it is closed because the Mayor says there is no money with which to open it. There is another bathhouse about completed, the one on Cabot St., which Mr. Chase says it will take about \$15,000 per annum to operate. Taking into consideration these additional burdens on the department, together with the fact that it expended \$163,000 last year, is it fair to expect the department to carry on its work properly this year for \$150,000? Let us not be ridiculous. Let us give the department what it ought to have, if it expends its money honestly—and there has been no criticism of its expenditure.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President and fellow-members, I rise at this time to second the amendment offered by my good friend from Wd. 18, and in doing so I desire to take up just a moment of the Council's time. I desire to review in brief the history of the gymnasium system of the City of Boston. I do not propose to talk two or three hours upon it, although I could do so if necessary; but what I shall have to say will be very brief. Some years ago a Mrs. Ahl of East Boston, owned some property on Paris St., which she started using as a gymnasium, continuing that use for some time, and finally turning it over to the City of Boston. That was the origin, the commencement, of the bath and gymnasium system of this city at the present time. Mr. President, the Trustees of the Bath Department are men whose honesty and integrity cannot be questioned. From information I have at hand I understand that many of the employees of the Bath Department have been laid off, owing to the fact that the department has not a sufficient appropriation to carry on its work. Still, the fact remains that we have in the City of Boston one of the best Bath and Gymnasium systems in the country, and I sincerely trust that nothing will be done which will impair its efficiency.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The main question was ordered—yeas 64, nays 6:

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Egan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., jr., Williams—64.

Nays—Carter, Cook, Dalton, Pierce, Warner, Wood—6.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Dolan, Jepson, Richardson—5.

The question first came on the adoption of the amendment increasing by ten thousand dollars the appropriation for the Bath Department.

The amendment was rejected, the vote on adopting it being yeas 17, nays 52:

Yeas—Carter, Cook, Coughlin, Dalton, Fay, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Lacey, MacLoud, McGonagle, McKie, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Stalker, Warner, Williams—17.

Nays—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Egan, Ewell, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Reagan, Simms, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Wood—52.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Conway (23), Dolan, Jepson, Richardson—6.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment increasing by \$5000 the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the Council, that if the amendment prevails, the result is that the order goes to the Board of Aldermen, and it is subjected to that delay, at least.

Mr. LACEY—Mr. President, I would like to ask if the question is on the adoption of the \$5000 amendment?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is on the adoption of the amendment increasing the appropriation for the Department of Public Grounds \$5000.

The question on adopting the amendment was put, and it was rejected by a voice vote.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move the main question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question now is on the main question, namely, the passage of the appropriation bill.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I rise to offer an amendment to the appropriation bill.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is not in order at this time.

Mr. CARTER—I dislike to ask on what ground that ruling is made.

The PRESIDENT—On the ground that, when the previous question is ordered, the rules of the Council provide that the question shall be put on all pending amendments, and finally on the main question.

Mr. CARTER—As I understood, the motion for the previous question only applied to the amendment under debate. The previous question was moved, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules; and

then an amendment was submitted, after that.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the previous question was moved on the suspension of the rules, and that the rules were suspended, the question on suspending the rules being then the previous question. The Council voted to suspend the rules, and the question came on the passage of the order. Mr. Fay of Wd. 18 introduced an amendment, which amendment was divided, on request of one of the members in the second division. The amendment having been divided, after some debate Mr. McDermott of Wd. 7 moved the previous question. Under the rules of the Council, when the previous question is moved and the Council votes to order the main question, the question must first be taken on all pending amendments—which has been done—and the question then comes on the main question, and until that question is disposed of, no amendment or substitute or other business is in order.

Mr. CARTER—That may be the parliamentary ruling, but—speaking upon a question of personal privilege, Mr. President—I am satisfied that that was not the intention of the gentleman who moved the previous question. The intention of the gentleman who moved the previous question, and the meaning of his motion in the popular sense, was a desire to shut off the debate on the first amendment that has been offered, inasmuch as the debate upon it threatened to become interminable. I believe that the gentleman who made the amendment, and also of the members who voted in favor of it, was that if any reasonable amendments were offered they should receive a hearing, be discussed, and be voted upon. I am satisfied that that is so, because a number of men have expressed themselves here tonight as being willing to favor any amendment that would afford the people of East Boston any alleviation.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I made a motion for the previous question before the gentleman arose, and the Chair did not put the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the point of order is not well taken. A motion for the previous question was made by Mr. McDermott of Wd. 7 before the gentleman from Wd. 8 made his motion. The Chair will also state that the gentleman from Wd. 2 is not in order. His remarks are in opposition to the ruling of the Chair, and the only way that that ruling can be attacked is by an appeal.

Mr. CARTER—Does the Chair rule that I am out of order in rising to speak upon a question of privilege?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is not a question of privilege.

Mr. CARTER—Isn't it a question of privilege for a member to express his opinion upon a question of parliamentary law, when he is denied that privilege by the ruling of the Chair?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, in his opinion, it is not a question of privilege to state that the gentleman does not agree with the Chair in the ruling that has been made. If he does not agree with the ruling, and desires to state his reasons for not agreeing, that is a matter for discussion under an appeal from the decision.

Mr. CARTER—I would like to say, in response to the Chair's objection, that I did not intend to discuss any matter with the Chair, but to propose that, for the benefit of my district—

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will suspend, the Chair will say that perhaps the best way is to ask the gentleman who made the motion for the previous question what he intended by that motion.

Mr. McDERMOTT—Mr. President, he does not have to ask me. I want to say

that I understood perfectly what I was doing. I knew very well what I was doing when I moved the previous question. I hope that settles any doubt that the gentleman has in his mind.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I rise to a question of privilege.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I would like to ask a question, for information.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman from Wd. 11 will state his question of privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I have here an order which, if it were passed by the Council, would save the taxpayers of the city of Boston \$368,000.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is not stating any question of privilege.

Mr. PIERCE—I beg the gentleman's pardon, but if he will allow me, I am coming to the point of privilege. That \$368,000 was to go to pay the debts of the city of Boston. My point of privilege is that I ask unanimous consent to introduce this amendment as a substitute order at this time.

Several members objected.

The PRESIDENT—There being objection, and the previous question having been ordered, that request cannot be granted.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I rise to the question of information.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his question of information.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I should like to ask the opinion of the Chair as to whether or not, under a suspension of the rules the proposed amendment of the gentleman from Wd. 2, relative to the East Boston tunnel toll, could be offered. If I am correct, the Chair and various other members of this body have expressed their willingness to allow us to thresh that matter out tonight, and to make some amendment.

The PRESIDENT—With reference to the question asked by the gentleman from Wd. 2, the Chair will state that the only way that the rules can be suspended is by the making of a motion to that effect, and that when the previous question has been ordered no motion is in order. The question now comes on the passage of the order.

Mr. LACEY—Mr. President, I respectfully doubt the vote on the motion for the previous question, and ask for a verification by the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is too late to doubt the vote on the previous question. Several other questions have been disposed of since—namely, the two amendments on which roll calls have been had. The Chair, for the benefit of the Council, will read the rules in reference to the previous question:—

"Rule 28. The previous question shall be put in the following form: 'Shall the main question now be put?' and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided.

"Rule 29. When the previous question is ordered, the vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question."

If it had been the intention of any parliamentary law that the amendments should be considered the main question, it certainly would not have been stated that "The vote shall be taken upon all pending amendments, and finally upon the main question." In accordance with the rule of the Common Council—over which the President has no control—votes have been taken on the pending amendments, and the question now comes on the main question, the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President I move to reconsider the vote whereby the previous question was ordered.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order at this time, intervening business having transpired—namely, the rejecting of the pending amendments by roll call.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Carter of Wd. 2 appeals from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. HARRINGTON (without rising)—I second the appeal.

The PRESIDENT—There being no second to the appeal, the appeal is not in order.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I respectfully call the attention of the Chair to the fact that the gentleman from Wd. 2 seconded the appeal.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has not recognized the gentleman from Wd. 2, and has received no request for recognition. If any member wishes to make a motion, the rules require that he shall address the Chair.

Mr. HARRINGTON—I beg your pardon, Mr. President. I intended to rise, but I understood that you had ruled the appeal out.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will accept the second of Mr. Harrington of Wd. 1. The question is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I should like to say that the reason that induced me to appeal from the decision of the Chair is not that I believe the Chair is essentially wrong, but because I desire to have a fair show for the people of East Boston, whom I represent. I believe, as I have already stated on the question of ordering the main question, that the animus of the motion for the previous question was merely that debate on the first amendment might be terminated. I do not believe that the Council intended to cut off any sincere member who felt that he was not being fairly treated, and I believe now that the Council is willing to give such a member a hearing. Such a thing can be done if the Council reverses the decision of the Chair, and I hope the Council will reverse the decision of the Chair, Mr. President and gentlemen, because a number of members of this body have stated that they are willing to accept anything which is reasonable which will afford the people of East Boston some relief; and they have suggested, among other things, that a transfer be made from the reserve fund for the purpose of lightening this burden. I should like to say that now is the only time to avoid special legislation on the subject. The appropriation bill appropriates money to meet the requirements of the sinking fund.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I believe the question is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?" A discussion of the appropriation bill is not in order upon an appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the only question that is open to debate is whether or not the Chair has erred in his decision, and will request the gentleman to confine himself to that question.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I believe that, in the manner in which I have started to speak I was sticking to the question, and that I had not deviated from the question in any way. I am discussing the animus which moved the members to vote for the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the animus of the members is not the question here. The question is, is the Chair right, or is the Chair wrong? The Chair will ask the gentleman to confine himself to that question.

Mr. CARTER—I am satisfied that I am confining myself to the question, though I may be suffering from blindness on my part.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is satis-

fied that the gentleman is not, and will request the gentleman to confine himself to the question.

Mr. CARTER—I would like to say, as a final statement to the City Government of Boston here assembled, that half justice is no justice, and that, out of regard for the dignity of the people whom I represent, I cannot accept half justice. If I cannot obtain justice, I shall not obtain anything.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentlemen, that the gentleman's argument on the appeal simply amounts to this: There is only one way that the gentleman can introduce an amendment—by reversing the decision of the Chair, whether that decision is right or wrong. Now, the Chair has tried to extend every opportunity to any member to introduce amendments. I have recognized men whom I knew had amendments to the bill to which I was opposed, that they might be given a fair opportunity. I have tried to be fair—and I think that I have been. I have no discretion whatever in the matter of this ruling. If the rules say that, when the previous question is ordered, the question shall be taken on pending amendments and then on the main question, I can do nothing else. That is what I have done in this case. The animus of the man who moved the previous question is nothing to me. The only thing that I can consider is that the Common Council, on the motion of that gentleman, voted to adopt his motion for the previous question. The question before the body is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, if it were a possible thing for me, as one of the minority of the Council, and as a member interested in a measure that was to be introduced tonight, I should like to vote to sustain the appeal from the decision of the Chair; but it seems to me that under the rules of the Council the Chair, as he says, has had no opportunity to do anything other than what he has done. I have looked into parliamentary law to some little extent. I have gone over the rules of this body somewhat with one of the best parliamentarians in Massachusetts—the clerk of the Mass. Senate—and I think that if anybody is to be tarred and feathered, even metaphorically, it should be my friend behind me (Mr. McDermott) who made a motion which has choked us off. It seems to me that, in conformity with the rules of this Council—which I submit are suspended by this body too often—the members of this body have no alternative but to vote to back up the Chair in the ruling he has made.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2—Mr. President, like the previous speaker, I am not wholly ignorant of parliamentary procedure. I have listened with great interest to the argument between the Chair and the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Carter), and I say this—that the Chair has been most fair and most just. And if I am in order, I would move that the appeal from the decision of the Chair be indefinitely postponed.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order. The question is, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Body?"

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I wish to state that I believe the Chair's rulings this evening have been eminently fair, and I think the Chair has extended to the minority members of this body all the courtesies that have been in his power. My purpose in seconding this appeal was not to reflect upon the Chair or for the purpose of setting myself up in opposition to his ruling, but simply to give the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Carter) another opportunity to put his amendment in. I think we can afford to overlook the fact

that the Chair is technically right, for the sake of doing that which is right, in a broader sense. The Chair and a number of the members of this body have stated this evening that they espoused the cause of the workingmen, and that they were anxious to do everything they could for the workingman; and they have stated, some of them, that if this order goes over for another week, they do not believe that the workingmen in the employ of the city will be cut off.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman does not appear to the Chair to be confining himself to the question, which is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the body?"

Mr. HARRINGTON—And yet, that being so, they allow this ruling of the Chair to stand, when the fact of its standing will cause this matter to go over indefinitely, and the opportunity to remedy this injustice, which we now have, will be lost. The opportunity to remove this toll, which falls the heaviest upon the workingman, will thereby be lost.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will ask the gentleman from Wd. 1 (Mr. Harrington) on what grounds he thinks that the Chair is technically right, and not right under the rules of the Common Council?

Mr. HARRINGTON—I believe the Chair is right, according to the rules of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—I understood the gentleman to appeal from the decision of the Chair, on the ground that it was wrong.

Mr. HARRINGTON—No; only for the purpose of allowing the amendment of the gentleman from Wd. 2 to be put in.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I for one, will state that I knew exactly what I was doing when I voted to order the main question; and I believe that an apology is due from the gentleman who made the appeal and from the gentleman who seconded it, for saying that the members of this body were so ignorant that they did not know, at the time when they voted for the previous question, what it meant. I do not believe it is fair for any member to come into this body and say that the members of this body, who made the rules of the body, do not understand what they mean.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I move that the Chair direct the City Messenger to open the windows, so that some of the hot air can escape. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order at this time.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I trust that the decision of the Chair will stand as the judgment of the body. We cannot afford to do away with the rules of parliamentary procedure, or we will have a body which is simply running riot. The members of the Council have had every opportunity to inform themselves, in my opinion, as to what the rules of the Council are, and, if they have not done so, and have adopted rules which they did not believe in, it seems to me they ought to abide the consequence. There is no question—not even in the mind of the gentleman who seconded the appeal—that the decision of the Chair is the only correct decision. There is no alternative. And I would suggest, as a way out of the dilemma, for the gentleman from East Boston, that reconsideration of any vote that is had here is open at the succeeding meeting of the Council, and that he will have an opportunity in that way to bring this question up again; but it cannot be done in the way that he has attempted it.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, it seems to me, after listening to the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 10, also those of the gentleman from Wd. 1, who seconded the motion appealing from the

decision of the Chair, that there is every evidence of justice in the ruling made by the President of this body. There was only one course left open to him, and the Chair took that course. Now, when we elected a President the first of the year, we elected him to take charge of our meetings, and we also agreed to a certain number of rules by which we were to abide. That is why the Council is run according to those rules. Now, if we are not going to observe those rules, what is the use of having them? The gentleman from Wd. 1 says that the President is right in observing the rules as they are, and I think that there is only one thing for us to do, and that is to stand by the decision of the President.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to make a motion.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that motions are not in order.

Mr. NEWTON—I believe that the Chair will agree that the motion which I wish to make is in order, when the Chair knows what the motion is.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will please state his motion.

Mr. NEWTON—I desire to move to close debate at a specified time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will receive such a motion.

Mr. NEWTON—Mr. President, I move that debate close and that we take a vote on the question at ten minutes before ten o'clock.

(The above motion was made at 9.57 P.M.)

The PRESIDENT—The motion is not in order, the time specified having already passed.

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council, it seems strange to me that a body which pretends to be governed by parliamentary law and parliamentary rules, should—especially when the President of the Council has read to us the rules by which this body is governed—entertain for a moment an appeal from his decision, when he has given each and every member his full rights to debate upon the floor. If we are acquainted with any law at all, we should feel that the rules which we have adopted for the government of this body are the only things that the President can go by. He has not given us his own individual decision, apart from the rules which we ourselves have adopted. It seems to me that we, therefore, out of respect for the body, and out of respect for the Chair, at least, ought to feel obliged to vote to sustain his decision. He is governed by the law which controls this body. I hope, gentlemen, that the appeal from the decision of the Chair will not be sustained.

The PRESIDENT—The question is: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the body?"

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I rise to withdraw my second to appeal.

(Objection was made.)

The PRESIDENT—There being objection, the gentleman cannot withdraw his appeal.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I have been wanting, ever since the debate began, to correct an error that evidently prevails in the minds of the members of the Council. The members feel that I appealed from the decision of the Chair relative to the previous question. That is not so. The decision that I appealed from was the ruling of the Chair, that my motion to reconsider was out of order. Now, Mr. President, I would like to say that every man who has talked here tonight has shown that he

did not comprehend the nature of my appeal, or the subject. My appeal was from the decision of the Chair that my motion, to reconsider the vote whereby the previous question was ordered, was out of order; and no member who has spoken here has seemed to comprehend it. The reason for that appeal is that I got the floor as soon as I could—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say, in reply to the gentleman's point of order, which he has already stated, that the Chair understood the point fully when the Chair made its ruling. The gentleman made a motion to reconsider. Under the rules of the Common Council, when the previous question is ordered, the question must be taken on all pending amendments, and no debate or motions are in order until after votes have been taken on all pending amendments and on the main question. That was the Chair's decision.

Mr. CARTER—Do I understand that a motion to reconsider the motion for the previous question is not in order?

The PRESIDENT—Not after intervening business has transpired.

Mr. CARTER—I respectfully suggest that no intervening had transpired between the time that the vote was taken and the time when I was able to get the floor.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it stands to reason that intervening business had transpired, when, as a matter of fact, votes had been taken on two pending amendments, both of which were defeated, before the gentleman arose. The question was on the passage of the order when the gentleman arose and entered into the discussion which resulted in his appealing from the decision of the Chair.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, the onus of this matter seems to be placed on my shoulders. I should like to say that I am not responsible for the fact that I cannot get recognition of the Chair in time to make a motion. I do not think it is right to put the onus of this matter on me. I do not think that I am to blame for the fact that the Chair refused to recognize me.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there is another rule of the Common Council, rule 37, which provides that no reconsideration can be had of a vote on a motion for the previous question.

Mr. CARTER—It is most time the President found that out, if I may be permitted to say so.

The PRESIDENT—I beg pardon.

Mr. CARTER—Since I am supposed to know all the rules, and since I have been criticised by the Chair for not knowing them, I wish to say that I think it is about time that the President found out that there is such a rule.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has not criticised the gentleman from Wd. 2 or referred to his knowledge, or lack of knowledge, of the rules. The Chair accepts the criticism, however, in a very kindly spirit. The question is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?"

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that the gentleman is out of order.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I think you will say that I am in order when I get through. (Laughter.) I think an injustice has been done by voting to order the main question, and that that injustice can be remedied by a motion to adjourn. Consequently, I move to adjourn.

The motion to adjourn was lost.

The PRESIDENT—The question is "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the body?"

It was voted that the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the body—Yeas, 69; nay, 1:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Williams. Wood—69.

Nays—Carter—1.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Dolan, Jepson, Richardson—5.

The question now came on the main question, which was the passage of the appropriation orders in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen, and they were passed in concurrence—Yeas, 60; nays, 11:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Egan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams—60.

Nays—Carter, Cook, Dalton, Harrington, Lacey, McKnight, Pierce, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Wood—11.
Absent or not voting—Bell, Colbert, Jepson, Richardson—4.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 4 moved to reconsider; lost.

Later in the session, Mr. Carter of Wd. 2 said:—

Mr. President, in the debate on the subject of the appropriation bill the Chair made a ruling that my appeal from the decision of the Chair was opposed by Rule 37 of the Rules and Orders of the Common Council. At that time I offered a criticism to the effect that it was about time that the Chair found that out. I feel now that the criticism was totally uncalled for. I desire to inform the Chair and the members of the Council that it was made in a moment of choler, of heat, and I desire to withdraw it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state to the gentleman that he has no feeling in the matter; that the Chair understood the situation when Mr. Carter made the statement, and took no offense whatever.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH RAILROAD.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel inform this body at its next meeting whether the interests of the City of Boston are safeguarded in case of the approval of the petition of the New England Railroad, in its present form, for the location and construction of its branch railroad from West Roxbury to the town of Needham.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERT, ANDREW SQUARE.

Mr. CALLAHAN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Music Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give two band concerts in Andrew Square, Wd. 16, during the coming summer. Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WARD 16.

Mr. CALLAHAN offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric arc light at the corner of Grafton and Buttonwood Sts., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

ARC LIGHT, WARD 16.

Mr. CALLAHAN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an electric arc light at the corner of Crescent Ave. and Buttonwood St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

DECORATION OF TUNNEL ENTRANCE

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place flower beds on the East Boston tunnel mound, Maverick Sq., East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Music Department, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to give band concerts Sunday afternoons during the coming season at Wood Island Park, East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 rose to a point of order, that a quorum was not present. The chair declared the point of order not well taken.

REPAIR OF HARRISON AVE.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make a permanent filling in holes of asphalt surface on Harrison Ave., between Kneeland and Harvard Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT OF CLAIM.

The President called up No. 8, reconsideration, viz.:—

8. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Dennis J. McManus the sum of one hundred fifty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$153.39), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the motion (notice filed by Mr. Bradley) to reconsider the vote of March 24, whereby the above order was passed.

Assigned to the next meeting on motion of Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15.

WATERING OF STREETS.

Mr. MACLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to water the streets before being swept, between the hours of 11 P.M. and 2 A.M.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Sent up.

PAYMENT OF CLAIM.

The PRESIDENT called up No. 9, reconsideration, viz.:—

9. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him in defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the motion (notice filed by Mr. Bradley) to reconsider the vote of March 24, whereby the above order was passed.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present.

The President declared the point of order well taken and the Council stood adjourned at 10:13 o'clock P.M., to meet on Thursday, April 14, at 7:45 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 11, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committees named, viz:

Building Dept. (Ald.)
Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:
Boyajian & Martin, an illuminated sign, at 66 Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.
S. P. Proodan & Sons, a sign, at 822 Washington St., Wd. 7.
William J. Hatch, an angle sign, at 7 Province Ct., Wd. 7.
George Triantafel, a light, at 130 Massachusetts Ave., cor. Boylston St., Wd. 10.
William J. Sinkind, a watch sign, at 177A Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Claims.

Annie Karp, for compensation for personal injuries caused by her falling on Haverhill St.

H. Crine, to be reimbursed for expense of clearing and repairing house connection at 40 Holyoke St., made necessary by the stoppage of the public sewer.

Michael J. Brown, to be paid for damages to estate 49 Armandine St. caused by surface water flowing into the cellar of said estate.

Patrick Duffly, for compensation for damages to estate 17 Parnell St. caused by sewage flowing back into the cellar of said estate.

Harry McCormack, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect at 26 Worcester St.

James J. Hickman, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 35-37 Court St., Wd. 6.

M. P. Sheedy, for compensation for damage to clothing from a wire dangling from a tree on Mozart St., J. P.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the Edison Illuminating Company of Boston, viz:

For leave to erect eight poles on South St., between Walk Hill and Bussey Sts., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect thirty-four poles on South Huntington Ave.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect thirteen poles on Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz:

New England Manufacturers' Association, on the evening of April 28, 1904.

Board of Election Commissioners, on the day and evening of October 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; November 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26; December 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, on the afternoon of June 12, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

George T. Crawford et als., for the trimming of trees in alley between Union Park and Unton Sts., running from Tremont St. to Shawmut Ave.

Licenses.

Guild of St. Elizabeth, for a license for a whist party at the Hotel Lenox, on April 12, 1904.

Martin H. Ryan, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at Atlantic Hall, 284 Commercial St., Wd. 6, for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Trimountain Garrison R. A. & N. U., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Public Lands.

H. K. Pevear, that the city take measures to prevent the stopping up of his drain and the overflow of surface water upon his land on Dudley St., from the Kearsarge Burial Ground.

Public Improvements.

Joseph A. Sweeney et als., that an appropriation be made sufficient to put the Cottage St. bridge in safe condition for foot travel, and that said bridge be open by June 1, 1904.

William E. Eggleston, for leave to sell temperance drinks from a wagon on the streets surrounding the Post Office.

J. Searle Holland, for leave to place a sign on a tree at 33 Elm St., Wd. 3.

Aberthaw Construction Co., for leave to erect guy posts in North Harvard St., Wd. 25.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from 14 Morris St. to 15 Morris St., Wd. 1.

H. S. Angus & Son, for leave to move a wooden building from 509-511 Western Ave. to 506-508 Western Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., in front of No. 6 freight house on Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

Kimball Building estate, in front of the old Museum estate on Tremont St. and Court Sq., Wd. 6.

W. A. & H. A. Root, 379-381 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Harriet A. Greenwood, 56 Melville Ave., Wd. 20.

W. S. Macomber, Florence St., Wd. 23.

Railroads.

Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Inc., for a location for track on Chelsea, East Eale, Condor, Border, Sumner and New Sts., E. B.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz:

1. Josiah G. Bridge, two windows in extension of the present bay windows at 14-16 Frothingham Ave., Wd. 5.

2. Ellen T. Gavin, one window over Mt. Vernon St. and two over Charles St., from building 118 Mt. Vernon St. and 55-59 Charles St., Wd. 11.

3. Horace D. Chapin et al., executors, one window over Spruce St., from building 49 Beacon St., corner of Spruce St., Wd. 11.

4. Charles H. Wood, one window over Hereford St., from building 316 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to water the streets before being swept, between the hours of 11 P.M. and 2 A.M.

Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz:

6. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Maurice J. McCarthy to be Superintendent of the South City Hay Scales, for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Hennessey. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the appointment was confirmed.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows and a permanent awning—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, April 25, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:

Mrs. Charlotte F. Dunne et al., 2 bay windows, 12-14 Wood St., Wd. 5.

Andrew Burnett, 3 bay windows, Lime Alley, Wd. 6.

Mercantile Wharf Corporation, permanent awning, 20-24 Mercantile St., Wd. 6.

(Ald. Kneeland in the chair.)

SALE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving of the same, viz: J. T. Reed & Co., Hancock Sq., corner Tibbetts St., Wd. 4.

Fred F. Dudley, 147 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

J. Edwin Swan, 1141 Washington St., corner River St., Wd. 24.

Approved by the Board.

SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the petition of the Proprietors of the Social Law Library (referred Jan. 11), for the usual appropriation for the support of the library—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the Proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for the uses of said Library for the present year; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 22 newsboys, ten bootblacks and three vendors.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Guild of St. Elizabeth (referred today) for a license for a whist party at the Hotel Lenox on April 12, 1904—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Jeffries Point Rowing Association (referred April 4) for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at the hall of said Association, 384 Maverick St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen (referred Mar. 28), on the afternoon of June 12, 1904.

New England Manufacturers Association (referred today), on the evening of Apr. 28, 1904.

New England Anti-Imperialist League (referred Mar. 28), on the afternoon of Apr. 21.

Foresters of America (referred Apr. 4), on the evening of May 29.

St. Michaels Beneficent Association, Inc. (referred Apr. 4), on the afternoon of May 8.

Board of Election Commissioners (referred today), on the day and evening of Oct. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Nov. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, Dec. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Boston Colored Suffrage League (referred Apr. 4), on the evening of Apr. 22.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of April, 1904.

Approved and ordered paid.

SPEEDWAY AT FRANKLIN FIELD.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to proceed at once with the laying out and construction of the Speedway at Franklin Field; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation already made for the said purpose.

Passed. Sent down.

LICENSES RESCINDED.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the amusement license granted by this Board January 2, 1904, to S. J. Byrne to exhibit an oil painting in store 637 Washington St.; also license for a wrestling match granted by this Board March 23 to Peter Sebastian, Manager, be and the same are hereby rescinded, as said licenses have not been paid for by the parties to whom they were granted.

Passed.

PLAYGROUND AT MATTAPAN.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the Woodman-Jones Estate on River St., Mattapan, or other suitable property in that vicinity; the expense of the same not to exceed two hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, at 3.45 o'clock, P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.20 P.M.

ORDER OF NOTICE—RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the Massachusetts Wharf Trust,

Inc. (referred today), for a location for track on Chelsea, East Eagle, Condor, Border, Sumner and New Sts., East Boston—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 2, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Report accepted; order of notice passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES—ORDER OF NOTICE

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports on petitions for leave to erect and to remove poles—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, April 18, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Brookline Gas Light Co. (referred March 28), to erect fifteen poles on Tremont St., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred March 28), for leave to remove one pole from Soley St., near Warren St., and erect same in front of 56 Warren St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions referred today—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

Aberthaw Construction Company, to erect, maintain and use four guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over North Harvard St., Wd. 25, opposite the Stadium; said posts to be placed in locations to be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to be removed before October 1, 1904.

John Soley & Sons, to move a wooden building, flat roof, 43 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 32 ft. in height, from 14 Morris St., across said street to 15 Morris St., Wd. 1.

H. S. Angus & Son, to move a wooden building, shingle roof, 36 ft. 6 in. in length, by 26 ft. 6 in. in width, by 27 ft. in height, from 509-511 Western Ave., across said avenue to 506-508 Western Ave., Wd. 25.

John Soley & Sons (referred April 4), to move a wooden building, flat roof, 43 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 32 ft. in height, from 16 Morris St., along Morris, Marion and Chelsea Sts., to 211 Chelsea St., Wd. 1.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on the petition of William E. Eggleston (referred today), for leave to sell temperance drinks from wagon on streets surrounding the Post Office—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

Kimball Building Estate (petition referred today), Tremont St. and Court Sq., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestones.

Joseph Green (referred Mar. 28), 56-58 Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Susan W. Hardy (referred Mar. 28), 1-9 Washington St. and 95-103 Friend St., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Boston Wharf Company (referred Mar. 28), 283 Summer St., Wd. 13, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

H. A. Black (referred Apr. 4), 51-55 Centre St., Wd. 24, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Horton & Hemenway (referred Apr. 4), 761-791 Boylston St., Wd. 11, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

James L. Dugan (referred Apr. 4), 73 Decatur St., Wd. 3, brick.

Clarence D. Beach (referred Apr. 4), 204 Falcon St., Wd. 1, brick.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

WOODEN BUILDING.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the John Morrison Company (referred Feb. 29), for leave to build a wooden building on rear of Summer St., Wd. 2—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted. Sent down.

LEAVE TO PROJECT SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows in accordance with the following petitions:

Hugh L. Stalker (referred Feb. 29), four, from building No. 178 Brooks St. and on Eutaw St., Wd. 1. (The permission was granted on the condition that the windows on Eutaw St. project not more than 18 inches.)

John F. Corcoran (referred Feb. 23), one, from building No. 375 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of John N. Landers (referred Apr. 4), for leave to project a sign at 695 Washington St., Wd. 7—recommending that the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Abraham Lewis (referred April 4), sign, 904 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

Mayer & Ewald (referred April 4), sign, 384A Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Tire Fitters (referred April 4), wheel sign, 184 Friend St., Wd. 8.

M. Cassidy (referred April 4), two gas arc lamps, 190 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Joseph H. Care (referred April 4), sign, 3 Wareham St., Wd. 9.

Price Bros. (referred April 4), sign, 84 Green St., Wd. 8.

Thomas White (referred April 4), sign, 158 Northampton St., Wd. 12.

North End Dispensary (referred Feb. 1), illuminated sign, 34 Charter St., Wd. 6.

George Triantafel (referred today), a light, at 130 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Dr. Williams (referred Feb. 15), an illuminated sign, at 6 Winter St., Wd. 7.

Robert C. Evans (referred Feb. 29), an illuminated mortar, at 9 Norway St., Wd. 10.

F. Gray & Co. (referred Feb. 29), an electric sign, at corner Washington and Hanover Sts., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to project illuminated or electric signs—recommending that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw:—

Smith & Smullen Co. (referred March 7), at 16 Summer St., Wd. 7.

M. M. Mugar (referred Feb. 8), at 1747 Washington St., Wd. 12.

J. N. Hunter & Co. (referred Jan. 25), at 60 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Royal Restaurant (referred March 28), at 19 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

H. B. Woodward & Co. (referred March 28), at 39 West St., Wd. 7.
 Harris Bros. (referred March 14), at 702 Columbia Road, Wd. 20.
 James H. Semple (referred Feb. 29), at 26 Brattle St., Wd. 6.
 The Ginter Grocery Co. (referred Feb. 29), at 161 Summer St., Wd. 7.
 Falk & Nathan Cigar Co. (referred Feb. 29), at 55 Court St., Wd. 6.
 Max Wagner (referred Feb. 29), at 9 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.
 Housman & Co. (referred March 7), 24 Avery St., Wd. 7.
 Morris T. Romanow (referred Jan. 18), 238 Hanover St., Wd. 6.
 D. W. Estabrook (referred Feb. 15), 41 Union St., Wd. 6.
 F. Preston (referred Feb. 15), 402 Tremont St., Wd. 9.
 Locke & Smith (referred Feb. 15), 50 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.
 L. Gordon (referred Feb. 29), 42½ Hanover St., Wd. 6.
 Henry Huber & Co. (referred Feb. 8), 309-315 Roxbury St., Wd. 19.
 Max Barnett (referred Mar. 14), 20 Fleet St., Wd. 6.
 Will Armstrong (referred Mar. 14), 1 Boylston St., Wd. 7.
 George O. Fogg (referred Feb. 1), 335 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 Jacob J. Fewes (referred Jan. 18), 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.
 National Drug Co. (referred Jan. 18), 11½ Salem St., Wd. 6.
 Lewis Witte (referred Apr. 4), 3 School St., Wd. 6.
 S. M. Baker (referred Apr. 4), 17 Union St., Wd. 6.
 King & Stephen (referred Apr. 4), 719 Tremont St., Wd. 12.
 Benjamin Piscopo (referred Jan. 11), 34 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

The question came on the acceptance of the reports.

Ald BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I move that those reports be laid over to the next meeting.

Ald QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the alderman assign some reason why they should be laid over for one week.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, in answering that question I might ask the gentleman why these particular applicants were given leave to withdraw and other permits have been granted? There are a number of citizens whom I am personally interested in who have made applications for these illuminated signs, and I feel that they ought to be given as much consideration in the matter as others to whom permits have been extended. Until I can look into the matter and find why these petitioners have been given leave to withdraw, I believe I am perfectly justified in asking that these matters be laid over; and I earnestly trust, Mr. Chairman, in a spirit of fairness, that the motion to lay these over to the next meeting will prevail.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will state for the information of the gentleman that the Committee has had these matters before it for a number of weeks. It has considered them thoroughly, and I trust that the Board will take into consideration the Committee's report, accept it, and give leave to withdraw to each individual whom the Committee has recommended be given leave to withdraw. When the gentleman has made a report here for a committee, neither I nor any other man, I believe, has stood up and seen fit to question the report of the committee. The committee is amply able to take care of this matter. If the gentleman sees fit, he has a method he can pursue, so that the matter will be brought forward again. He can come in at the next meeting and introduce an order asking for a sign, and if the Board sees fit in its wisdom to give that privilege it can do so.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, it may be true that that is one method which might be employed—to introduce, as the alderman has said, a second application for these same signs; but I believe the method I am employing at the present time, simply asking this Board as a matter of courtesy to lay action over to the next meeting, or at least until an investigation may be made in behalf of the men interested in these signs as to why their applications were refused, is one which shows no lack of courtesy to the Board and certainly not to the Committee. Had these various applicants been given a hearing at which they and any remonstrants might appear before the Committee took action, that would be an entirely different matter. But such is not the case. The committee has simply come in here and reported that certain applications be acted upon favorably and that leave to withdraw be given on others; and, until I can find out why certain individual applications have been refused by the committee I shall not be satisfied to have action taken. I think that is nothing but ordinary courtesy to extend to any member of the Board, to have matters of this kind laid over to another meeting. I wish to state, further, that, as far as any report I have brought in here is concerned, when any member of the Board has seen fit to ask that it be laid over for a week I have not offered the slightest objections and I certainly cannot understand why the alderman at the present time opposes laying these matters over to the next meeting.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't wish to be discourteous to any member of this Board. That is not my natural disposition, and I will give way. These matters have been before us for a number of weeks, and it makes no difference to me personally if they lie over for a week or two weeks more. I will agree to have the matters laid over to the next meeting.

The reports were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Bromberg.

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct all heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, during the National Encampment to be held in this city in August of the present year.

Ald. WHELTON also offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Police Department, who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who desire to take part in the parade incident to the holding of the National Encampment in this city in August of the present year.

Severally passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered the following:—

(1) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees and remove one decaying tree in front of estate No. 13 Lexington St., Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

(2) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree from in front of 116 Eutaw St., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

RESTORING DRIVEWAY, WARD 15.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to restore the block stone driveway at the estate adjoining No. 568 East 6th St., Wd. 15; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division.

Passed.

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FREEDOM OF CITY TO VISITING MERCHANTS.

Ald. BOWEN offered the following:—

Whereas: The leading wholesale and manufacturing houses of Boston, having the business interests of the city at heart, and earnestly desirous of bringing the many advantages of Boston more prominently to the attention of the retail dealers of New England and northern New York—

Be it Resolved: Therefore that there be

extended to all the visitors on April 26, 27, 28 and 29th, the days of the convention, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, the freedom of the city. That, further, the efforts of the New England Manufacturers Association in making this event possible are calculated to further Boston's commercial relations with other states, and that therefore the said New England Manufacturers' Association is entitled to our official commendation.

Adopted unanimously. Sent down.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BALDWIN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 5.34 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to meet on Monday, April 12, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council

Thursday, April 14, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, Moynihan, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, S. mms, Stalker, Wood—50.

Absent—Carter, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Driscoll, Fitzgerald, J. E., Hanley, Harrington, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McKnight, McMackin, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Warner, Williams—25.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of Committee on Building Department, on petition of the John Morrison Company, referred Feb. 29, for leave to build a wooden building on rear of Sumner St., Wd. 2—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

2. Whereas, The leading wholesale and manufacturing houses of Boston, having the business interests of the city at heart, and earnestly desirous of bringing the many advantages of Boston more prominently to the attention of the retail dealers of New England and northern New York—

Be it Resolved, Therefore, that there be extended to all the visitors on Apr. 26, 27, 28 and 29, the days of the convention, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, the freedom of the city. That, further, the efforts of the New England Manufacturers' Association in making this event possible are calculated to further Boston's commercial relations with other states, and that therefore the said New England Manufacturers' Association is entitled to our official commendation.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston commends the effort of the New England Manufacturers' Association to further the commercial interests of Boston by holding a convention in this city on Apr. 26-29, 1904, with the purpose of bringing to the attention of the retail dealers of New England and northern New York the many advantages possessed by this city as a business metropolis, and that we welcome the visiting retail merchants to this city.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I will say that my only reason for offering the substitute is that it strikes me that the original resolution here is rather queerly worded, and I think perhaps the order I have offered covers it a little more comprehensively.

The substitute was adopted, and was passed unanimously. Sent up.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to proceed at once with the laying out and construction of the Speedway at Franklin Park; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation already made for the said purpose.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes the Woodman-Jones estate on River St., Mattapan, or other suitable property in that vicinity; the expense of the same not to exceed two hundred dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to grant leave of absence without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees of the Police Department, who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who desire to take part in the parade incident to the holding of the National Encampment in this city in August of the present year.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct all heads of departments to grant leave of absence without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, during the National Encampment to be held in this city in August of the present year.

Passed in concurrence.

PAYMENT TO POLICE OFFICERS

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, assignment, viz:—

7. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Dennis J. McManus the sum of one hundred fifty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$153.39), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on account of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the motion (noticed by Mr. Bradley) to reconsider the vote of March 24, whereby the above order was passed.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15.—Mr. President and members of the Council, I ask for reconsideration so as to have the order referred back to the Committee on Claims. I was speaking to the chairman, Alderman Bromberg, on these two orders, and he is desirous of having them sent back to the committee. He told me that it is customary for the Committee on Claims to accept the recommendations of the Police Board without any investigation, but the committee was under the impression that the officers won their cases in court and that no question would be raised in the payment of the same.

I paid a visit to Police Headquarters and got these recommendations, which I will ask the clerk to read.

The clerk read the petition, as follows:—
"To the Honorable City Council of the City of Boston:—

Respectfully represents your petitioner, Dennis J. McManus, that he is, and long has been, a police officer of the City of Boston, formerly attached to Station 4, now of Station 15; that he has incurred expenses in the defence and settlement of an action brought against him for acts done by him while acting as such police officer, under the circumstances recited below, to the amount of one hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$153.39), as follows:—

Judgment for	\$100.00
Plaintiff's taxable costs.....	46.89
Paid defendant's witnesses.....	6.50
Total.....	\$153.39

Wherefore, your petitioner humbly prays that your honorable body will cause him to be indemnified in the said sum of one hundred and fifty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents (\$153.39) in accordance with section 21, chapter 26, of the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth.

And your petitioner says that said action was begun against him by writ in the superior court for the County of Suffolk by one John H. Berrane, and dated Sept. 5, 1901; that the cause of action was tort and the ad damnum fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00); that at the trial before a jury on Dec. 17, 1903, said Berrane claimed that at two o'clock on the morning of Sunday, May 26, 1901, while he was waiting for a car at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts. in said Boston, your petitioner in uniform ran across the street and clubbed him a number of times without any provocation or justification whatsoever; and your petitioner says that he did use his club on said Berrane, but that he was justified in so doing under the following circumstances:—

Your petitioner was out on his beat with one Walton, another officer attached to Station 4, then in citizen's clothes, and while patrolling your petitioner's beat your petitioner and Walton stopped to examine a suspicious-looking man. The crowd at some distance near the building of the Young Men's Christian Association, began to swear and hoot at them. They pursued the most disorderly men in the crowd to the corner of Pleasant and Tremont Sts. Your petitioner arrested his man near the subway station at that corner. Walton pursued his man across the street to the point where the plaintiff and others were standing. The man slipped and fell with Walton on top. Your petitioner saw the plaintiff and others strike and kick Walton. He then allowed his prisoner to go, and ran across the street to Walton's assistance. Thereupon he saw the said Berrane strike Walton, and in order to rescue said Walton, who was with difficulty getting on his feet, your petitioner struck said Berrane. There was an ugly crowd about. Your petitioner and Walton made no arrests because not in sufficient force.

The Board of Police for the City of Boston hereby approves the foregoing petition and recommends that it be granted."

Now, if you paid any attention to the reading of this paper, you will see that the evidence offered is of a very weak nature. It says that this man Berrane kicked Officer Walton, and they were not in sufficient force to cause an arrest.

Now, to be very brief in the matter, I will say I paid a visit to the plaintiff and got a story from him. He is willing to come before the Committee on Claims and show cause why the policeman should not be paid out of the money of the taxpayers of the City of Boston. He was standing at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts. on the morning of May 26, 1901, waiting for a car, to go home, when he saw Officer Walton strike a man and knock him down about 150 feet from where plaintiff was standing. The man picked himself up and ran towards Castle Sq., with Walton after him. Suddenly he turned where plaintiff was standing, at the corner, and struck another man with his fist. Then McManus came running up to plaintiff and wanted to know what he was there for, and struck him with his club—but not making any attempt to arrest him. As plaintiff was going down to Station 4, McManus followed him and asked him "where in hell" he was going. He told him he was going to make a report of the affair. He then accused him of assaulting an officer. While he was speaking to the officer a man heard the talk and stood in the street. McManus rushed at him and clubbed him, and told

him not to "rubber." It seems to me that McManus wanted to have a little fun; so, now he ought to be made pay for it. In regard to not having sufficient force, I think they had too much. If the plaintiff assaulted an officer, they had his name in the station house and should have arrested him. So, when McManus heard the plaintiff was going to make trouble, he sent parties to him and offered to settle any expense he had incurred. But Mr. Berrane refused; and then he tried to make it unpleasant for him where he worked. In court, the plaintiff had four witnesses; the defendant had three—one a man who is a fugitive from justice today. The plaintiff and witnesses are willing to appear before the Committee on Claims at any time. I believe the order should be reconsidered and sent back to the Committee on Claims for a thorough investigation. I want to be perfectly fair in this matter. I don't know the officer and I don't know the complainant, except that I went and saw him the other day. I have no interest in the matter whatever, personally; but I want to see police officers in the future stopped from getting payment that is not due to them, and to protect the citizens of Boston from the improper use of clubs by brutal officers.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, the gentleman seems to show a great deal of interest in this matter, and says he has made a thorough investigation of the case. The thing that strikes me as peculiar is that, if he was actuated by fairness on his part and by equity towards all parties concerned, he should certainly have investigated the side of the officer. From his own statement of the facts, he has made no investigation of that side. He claims that the officer assaulted two different persons before he struck the plaintiff in question. To my mind, and to the mind of the committee, to have done what the gentleman alleges the officer did do, the officer must have been either intoxicated or insane. There is no reason why an officer out on duty should assault one man first, and then a second one, and finally the plaintiff. The locality where this thing occurred will perhaps help the members of the government to take the proper view of the subject, and the time when it occurred is also important. The affair occurred on Sunday morning, at 2 o'clock. It does not require a stretch of the imagination to imagine what the condition of that locality was at that time. I do not make any reflection upon the people who live there, but I do say that that particular section, in the vicinity of the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts., is one of the toughest sections in the city. A police officer who patrols that district nights after 11 o'clock is taking his life in his hands. Now, it has been the custom of the City of Boston, when a police officer or any other employee acting in a capacity that requires extraordinary services, has in the performance of his duty suffered a financial loss, the City of Boston has recompensed that employee for his loss. It strikes me, further, as peculiar, in regard to the number of witnesses which the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Bradley) claims each party had. I can say from experience before juries that a police officer stands very little show before a jury. It seems to me the gentleman is simply actuated by a desire to oppose police officers. He is usually on the wrong side, when the matter concerns them. Last year, he voted against the police officers' increase of pay, and this year he has found one more chance to vote against a police officer, by voting against this allowance by the Committee on Claims. It appears from his own statements that there were four witnesses in all, who were present at this scene. He

did not state, when describing the altercation, that there were four persons present, but said there were three others besides the police officer. Now, the police officers in the City of Boston today are in my opinion the most abused men in the employ of the city. They are called upon to guard the welfare of the people, to protect our property, and at times to protect our lives. From my own personal experience with police officers in court, I have found that they do their duty to the best of their ability; that they are cool and level-headed; and that they do not seek to encounter trouble, or make assaults upon people who are walking about peaceably. The fact that this incident occurred at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts. at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning is some evidence that this person had no business being there. If he had been a peaceable citizen he would have been home before that hour. It was Saturday night, and perhaps he had had a glass or two more than he ought to have had. If so, that accounts for his condition. I will admit that the committee heard little evidence in reference to this case, but I think that, even if the claim is recommitted, the committee will not hear any further evidence, but will accept the recommendation of the Police Department. We accept the recommendation of any other department, and do not investigate the facts in detail. It seems to me that it would be foolish and unwise for the Council to send this back to the Committee, when the Committee has recommended this payment and asked that the claim be allowed.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Claims, I would like to make a few statements in regard to this matter. When the matter came before the committee, there were no facts presented, other than those contained in the statement of the Police Department. The Committee passed the claim, on the recommendation of the Police Department. It seems to me the position which the City Government should take in this matter is simply this—that where a police officer, in the discharge of his duty, has committed an assault upon any citizen, unless the assault was committed maliciously, the City Government should bear whatever expense the officer might be put to in defending a suit. It seems to me from the facts which have been related by the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Bradley), the most that he can claim is an honest mistake. I can see no ground here for any malice on the part of the police officer. I am free to say that in a case of wanton lack of judgment, the city might be justified in refusing to bear the expense; but, as I said before, it seems to me that the most that can be claimed in this case, on the facts that have been recited here, is that, possibly an honest mistake of judgment was made on the part of the officers. This man was a stranger to the officer. He came along there and saw this man—or, at least, thought he saw him—commit some unlawful act, and he tried to stop him. The officer alleges that this man attempted to assist a prisoner to escape. He may be mistaken in regard to the identity of the person. In that case, there is no doubt, of course, that the plaintiff's judgment was justified. But, still, it does not follow from that fact that we would be justified in refusing to reimburse the officer for the expense which he incurred by reason of this suit. I take the ground that the City Government should—as the Committee on Claims in this case did—allow the expense on the recommendation of the Police Department, unless it appears from some fact shown that the assault was malicious, or that there was a gross lack of judgment on the part of the officer. I believe that neither of these facts

have been shown in this case. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope that the motion to reconsider will prevail.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, I agree with a great many of the statements which have been made by the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Fitzgerald). If the officer shows a little misjudgment, I believe the City of Boston should pay the amount in most cases; but I do not think that it was a case of the officer showing a little misjudgment in this instance, for, when he found out that the plaintiff was going to make trouble for him and bring him before the Police Commissioners, he went to the people for whom this man was working and tried to make trouble for him. On that evidence, and on those facts, I ask reconsideration.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10.—Mr. President it seems to me that this matter ought to be recommitted to the Committee, for the reason that the Committee admits that they have made no investigation of it. I do not think we ought to try out here this question of whether this police officer was right or was wrong. We have a Committee on Claims, and we usually accept their recommendations. I had thought that they made an investigation of these claims, as they do of nearly all claims that come before them; but it seems that they have accepted these simply upon the recommendation of the department concerned. Now, it seems to me that if we have any functions in this matter at all, we have those functions or powers for the purpose of making our own investigation. And it is customary for us to make that investigation through our committee, whose recommendations we have so far accepted without question. Now, if the Chairman of the Committee on Claims desires that this be recommitted, because, not knowing that there was any question about the merits of the matter, they accepted the recommendation of the department without investigation, it seems to me we ought to recommit it. Then, if it is fair and just, they will renew their recommendation. They will bring it in here again; and we can pass it then. But it does seem to me that, where it is admitted that no investigation was made, the matter ought to be recommitted.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair thinks it is only fair to state, out of regard for the committee, that, as he understands it, the investigating officer of the Committee on Claims is a captain of police, and that the committee accept his report in most instances; and that in this case the committee have the report of the superior officers of even that captain of police.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17.—Mr. President, I just desire to give the Council one or two facts in relation to this case. This person, Mr. Berrane, was employed as a salesman in a hat store located near Pleasant St. This affair occurred at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts., near where he worked. It was on Sunday morning that the affair took place. He had worked on Saturday night until 12 o'clock, and then he probably went out and got a little lunch. You can see, taking into consideration those facts, that it would be nothing unusual for him to have been there waiting for a car at two o'clock Sunday morning, when he had worked until 12 o'clock Saturday night. Another fact that has considerable bearing on this case is that this person in question, Mr. Berrane, has lately been appointed a letter carrier. Now, he cannot be a very tough character if he has been able to pass through civil service and get by the very vigilant eye of the government. I think it must be evident to all that he is a very good, clean, young man, and I believe he should have a fair chance in this matter. I think that

the committee has acted a little mite hastily in adopting the recommendations of the Police Commissioners without investigation. I do not wish to say anything against the police officers of the city of Boston, but I think there is a brotherly feeling among them, just the same, and that they are always ready to defend one another whenever it is possible for them to do so without too great a show of favoritism. I think no great injustice can be done if this thing is reconsidered. The person who was assaulted is a respectable citizen of the community, and I think he ought to be given a fair chance in this matter.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I know nothing at all about the merits of this case, but I do know the gentleman in question. One member of the Council has seen fit to raise a little bit of question as to his condition that evening. That gentleman is, or was, the last time that I saw him, a resident of the ward that I have the honor to represent in part in the Council here, and I want to say to the member who said that perhaps he was in a questionable condition, that perhaps this gentleman, Mr. Berrane, is as good a citizen of the city of Boston as the member who made that statement.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—I rise at this time, Mr. President, to speak in favor of the reconsideration of both these claims. If I am able to draw a proper conclusion from the remarks of my colleague in the fourth division (Mr. Bradley), I am to understand that, irrespective of the fact that the Committee on Claims have made a recommendation in this matter, the matter ought not only to be referred back to the Committee on Claims, but it ought to be refused consideration by the Council if it ever comes back here again to this body. I have been given to understand, and conclude from the remarks of the gentlemen in the third division, that this sum of \$153.39 is composed of a judgment of \$100, recovered against a police officer for an assault committed, and the costs in connection with the suit. Now, I do not think this is the time or place to establish a precedent for the payment of judgments found against police officers. If this police officer or any other police officer, while working in the interests of the city of Boston, has a suit of this kind brought against him and is exonerated, then I think it is time to pay him for whatever expense he has incurred for the services of his attorney; but if judgment has been found against him for assaulting anybody, as it has in this case—the amount here being for a judgment of one hundred dollars, and costs of court—then I submit that we ought not to reimburse him. If he has been guilty of a wrongful act, he should pay for it. If that is the substance of both of these claims, I think the Committee should make an investigation of the matter for themselves and decide what they should do with them.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say just a word or two in regard to this matter. The fact is that the first court or committee to investigate these claims is the department that they come from. Inasmuch as the Police Department, in this case, has requested that this claim be paid and the amount charged to the appropriation for that particular department, it seems fair to me that the Committee on Claims should accept that recommendation. I think when the head of any department of the city—the Police, Fire, or Ferry Department—brings in a report of this kind, it has been the custom—and I think it has been a good custom—of the committee to accept the recommendation, because they are the ones who investigate the case first and who decide whether there is any merit to it or not;

and I am sure that the Police Commissioners or the Fire Commissioner would not ask the city to spend one dollar except in a case where they knew the facts and knew that the case was worthy of our consideration and favorable action. I hope reconsideration will not prevail, but that the recommendation of the department and of the committee will be adopted.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, without discussing the relative merits of this particular case I would like to say just one word about the principle involved here. If we follow this matter out to its logical sequence we will find that when a suit is brought against any person, whether a police officer or a private individual, a writ is issued, and the ad damnum is stated in that writ. In this particular case I don't know what the ad damnum was; but, assume that it was \$2000, that there was a fair jury trial, and that a judgment was rendered against the defendant. In such a case I think we are casting a slur upon the entire jury system of this county if we say that the jury acted improperly; and such talk as we have heard here this evening relative to whether witnesses should be believed or disbelieved is, I think, entirely out of place. Let us follow out a case where the ad damnum might be \$10,000 or \$20,000, and suppose a judgment was recovered for \$18,000 against the police officer. In such a case, following this as a precedent, we would be bound by the precedent, I think, to pay to that police officer \$18,000 out of the city treasury, after a jury of his fellow men had passed upon the question and said that he was at fault and that he, and not the city, should pay. I believe in cases where police officers are sued and a jury or judge finds for the defendant, it might be fair to reimburse them for their costs; but to reimburse them for any judgment handed down by twelve intelligent men I think is a breach of principle, a wrong towards the city, and a raid on the city treasury. Therefore, without touching on the merits of this particular case, I hope reconsideration will prevail.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I don't know a great deal tonight in relation to this case, but I have heard the remarks the different members have made and have heard the statement made by the member in the third division that this is taken from the appropriation for the police department. It makes no difference, Mr. President, whether it is taken from the appropriation for the police department or not—it is from the City of Boston, just the same. Now, the jury have listened to this case, they have found the officer guilty, they have forced him to pay a fine of \$100. The witnesses have been heard in the case and it stands to reason that the jury went over the case thoroughly, and they have seen fit to declare this officer guilty of these acts. In such a case I think the members of this body should take the facts into consideration and should not vote to reimburse an officer where he has been guilty of an act of that kind. I have seen several cases in Roxbury of officers who used their clubs without any provocation whatever. There was a case that happened recently in Roxbury, on Ruggles St., where a citizen was standing on a corner and an officer came up and made a few remarks. Because the citizen answered him back he received a clubbing for it. Suppose the citizen in that case brought suit against the officer and that the officer was ordered to pay \$100 in judgment. Would it be right for this body to vote to give back that \$100 to the officer? I don't know about the case in question, but from what I have heard from the different members who have talked here tonight I think this should be re-committed to the committee on claims. I feel that the members of this body

should not set a precedent of reimbursing officers for what they are ordered to pay by reason of neglect of duty, because of using their clubs on citizens in many cases where the club is not needed. When the gentleman in the third division speaks about people standing at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts. at two o'clock in the morning. I will say that if he just tracks a few members of the Council, myself included, he will probably, at 2, 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning find us patrolling the streets. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the time for debate has expired. The question comes on reconsideration.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. MANCOVITZ—To make a motion that the time for debate be extended ten minutes longer.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the proper motion is for a suspension of the rule, that the time may be extended.

Mr. MANCOVITZ moved a suspension of the rule, so that the time for debate might be extended; lost.

The question came on reconsideration, and the Clerk called the roll. Before the result was announced, Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 said:

Mr. President, I would ask the President to state, for the information of the Council, for fear that some member may have voted "No" under an idea that the question was on suspension of the rule, rather than on reconsideration, that the question is on reconsideration.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair stated specifically that the question was on reconsideration.

The motion to reconsider prevailed—yeas 31, nays 25:

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Colman, Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Crowley, W. A. H., Ferber, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Price, Sullivan D. L.—31.

Nays—Barry, Bell, Conway (3), Craig, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Graumann, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDonald, J. M., McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Wood—25.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Foley, Harrington, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKnight, Newton, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams—19.

Mr. BRADLEY moved recommitment to the committee on claims.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I would like to inquire whether a two-thirds vote is required for a reconsideration or not?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that only a majority is necessary for reconsideration. The question is on recommitment.

The order was recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The president directed the clerk to read No. 8.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I doubt the vote and ask for a rollcall.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman is too late, the president having ordered the clerk to read No. 8.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 8, assignment, viz.:—

8. Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Willie H. Burns the sum of ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents (\$98.13), being the expense incurred by him in the defence of a suit brought against him on ac-

count of his acts as a police officer of the City of Boston; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department.

The question came on the motion (notice filed by Mr. Bradley) to reconsider the vote of March 24, whereby the above order was passed.

Reconsideration was carried, and on motion of Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. the order was recommitted to the committee on claims.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall. Yeas and nays were ordered, and the order was recommitted to the Committee on Claims, yeas 35, nays 20.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Colman, Conboy, Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Moynihan, Patterson, Price, Simms, Sullivan, D. L.—35.

Nays—Barry, Conway (3), Craig, Drummond, Ewell, Fitzgerald, T. F., Graumann, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDonald, J. M., McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Murray, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Stalker, Warner, Wood—20.

Absent or not voting—Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Foley, Harrington, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald P. A., McGonagle, McKnight, Newton, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Williams—20.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That a special committee of twenty-five members of the Council, one from each ward (which shall include the President of this Council) and such members of the Board of Aldermen as the board may see fit to add, be appointed to take full charge of the city's entertainment and reception to the Grand Army of the Republic during their visit to this city in August.

Passed. Sent up.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, April 28, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

SMOKE NUISANCE.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered the following:

Whereas, The discharge of smoke in the City of Boston has become an intolerable nuisance;

Whereas, it has become a serious blot upon the beauty of our city;

Whereas, it has rendered cleanliness difficult and has added a burden to the public in the additional expense required to keep households clean;

Be it therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of the Common Council the passage is desired of House Bill No. 508 accompanying the petition of Edward R. Warren and others, which bill is now pending before the Massachusetts Legislature and is entitled "An Act to Provide for the Abatement of Smoke in the City of Boston and Vicinity," said bill requiring, "In Cities and Towns situated in whole or in part within ten miles of the State House dark smoke or dense smoke shall not be allowed to escape from any building or premises, except under a permit," as provided in said bill.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Com-

mon Council to the Committee on Cities of the Legislature.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF WINTHROP SQ.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have flower beds placed in public park in Winthrop Sq., Wd. 5.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the tree now standing between 83 and 93 Callender St., Wd. 24, and that the expense attending the same be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds.

Referred to the Mayor.

SIGN, WELLES AVENUE.

Mr. HIGGINS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the street sign at the corner of Welles Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT TO MRS. FLYNN—VETO.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1, called up No. 10, past assignment, viz.:-

10. Ordered, That, in accordance with chapter 278 of the Acts of 1903, there be allowed and paid to Mary Ellen Flynn, widow of William J. Flynn, late a police officer of this city, the balance of salary to which said Flynn would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as such police officer until February 1, 1903 (the sum hereby authorized to be paid not exceeding one-half of his annual salary); the amount paid under this order to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

The question came on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. McKie.

PAYMENT OF CAUCUS OFFICERS.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow compensation to the officers who served at the primaries in this city during the present month.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF POLES.

Mr. CADOGAN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the poles of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to be removed from the Charlestown Playground; the same being placed there for storage purposes by said company.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF BYRON ST.

Mr. SIMMS of Wd. II offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Byron St., Wd. II.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONDUCT OF BRIDGE DIVISION.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. II offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Superintendent of Streets to submit to the Common Council answers to the following inquiries in regard to the conduct of the Bridge Division:—

(1) Why has the total of salaries and wages for maintenance in said division, exclusive of wages included in the items for "repairs," increased from \$102,068.07 in 1901, to \$128,386.50 in 1903, an increase of \$26,318.43 or 26 per cent in two years, although the number of draws is the same and although the draws were opened 3290 times less in 1903 than in 1901 and although 4709 less vessels passed through the draws in 1903 than in 1901?

(2) Why has the number of draw-tenders and their assistants on the pay rolls increased from 74 in April, 1901, to 126 in February, 1903, an increase of 52 men or 70 per cent?

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 25 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the amount needed for the establishment of a street cleaning division in Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McKINNEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to substitute three electric lights for the gas lights on Linden St., between Cambridge St. and Brighton Ave., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEATS, PRINCE-ST. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. RACHKOWSKY of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide seats and other conveniences on the Prince St. Playground, Wd. 6, so as to make it a suitable place for recreation for young children and their attendants during the summer months.

Referred to the Mayor.

SICK PAY FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. RACHKOWSKY offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council on the advisability of paying salaries of members of the Fire Department during temporary absence from their duties on account of sickness.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF WEBBER STREET.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to reset the edgestones on and resurface Webber St., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, WARD 16.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Music Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide two band concerts during the present season in Edward Everett Sq., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF HILLSIDE TERRACE.

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to restore to its former condition the private way known as Hillside terrace, Wd. 24, in which the city recently constructed a surface sewer.

Referred to the Mayor.

STREET CROSSINGS, Wd. 24.

Mr. PATTERSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to keep all

street crossings in all public squares, also all crossings in and adjacent to all surface transfer stations, also all steam railroad stations, in a passable condition, free from mud and dust for the year, in Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRIMMING OF TREE.

Mr. PATTERSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove branches of tree situated on Fuller St., Wd. 24, and projecting on house No. 11 Hillside terrace.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 23 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in the first loan bill the sum of \$12,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a fire house in Germantown, Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. JEPSON offered an order—That the Committee on Finance include in the first loan bill the sum of \$5000 for the purchase of the land at the junction of South, Robert, and South Walter Sts., Wd. 23, and the construction of a park thereon.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. JEPSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have gutters constructed on Florence St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

WAGES FOR PARK DEPT. TEAMS.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19, offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the same amount to the teams working in the Park Department as the teams in the various other departments of the city receive.

Passed, under a suspension of the rule. Sent up.

COST OF LAYING OUT ROGERS AVE.

Mr. MACKENZIE offered an order—That the Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the Common Council with the cost of laying out Rogers Ave. from Huntington Ave. to Ruggles St., Wd. 19, suitable for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING ROGERS AVE.

Mr. MacKENZIE offered an order—That the Street Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council what disposition was made of the order of Councilman Kenney of Wd. 19 relative to the laying out of Rogers Ave., from Huntington Ave. to Ruggles St., Wd. 19, which was passed by the Council of 1903.

Referred to the Mayor.

USE OF WEST ROXBURY GYMNASIUM

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the public use of the gymnasium and shower baths in the West Roxbury High Schoolhouse every week day between the hours of 4:30 and 9 P.M.

Referred to the Mayor.

POLICE OFFICER, COLUMBUS AVE. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. MacLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Board of Police Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the

Mayor, to detail an officer for service at the Columbus Ave. playground, Wd. 18, on Saturdays between the hours of 10 A.M. and 6 P.M., and on other days of the week except Sundays, between the hours of 2 and 6 P.M.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAVING ON NORTHAMPTON STREET.

Mr. MacLOUD offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to pave Northampton St. between Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

INFORMATION ASKED CONCERNING BUILDING PERMIT.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be requested to inform this body by what authority a building permit has been granted to move a wooden building at the corner of Belgrade Ave. and Rexame St., Wd. 23, to less than three feet of the adjoining lot.

Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT OF JANITORS' SALARIES.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested to instruct the City Treasurer to pay the salaries of the janitors of schoolhouses once every two weeks during the summer vacation.

Passed. Sent up.

WIDENING OF WASHINGTON ST., WD. 21.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Finance Committee be requested to include in the next loan bill an item sufficient to provide for widening Washington St. from Guild St. to Oakland St., in Wd. 21.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PAVING OF WARREN ST.

Mr. COOK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause Warren St. to be repaved from Dudley St. to Walnut Ave. in Wds. 17 and 21.

Referred to the Mayor.

TRIMMING OF TREES.

Mr. COOK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the trees on Ottawa St. in Wd. 21 to be trimmed, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

REQUEST CONCERNING INSTITUTION COMMISSIONER.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor relieve as soon as possible the Penal Commissioner from duties imposed on him as acting head of the Pauper Institutions, so that he can give his entire attention to the remarkably increased numbers of prisoners confined in the penal institutions.

While disposition of the order was pending, Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present. The Chair declared the point of order not well taken.

The order presented by Mr. Fay was referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23, at 9:17 o'clock, P.M., to meet on Thursday, April 28, at 7:45 o'clock, P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, April 18, 1904.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Alderman's Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. O'Toole.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

FURNISHING BUILDINGS FOR INSANE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 18, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Insane Hospital Department requesting an appropriation of \$25,000 for furnishing the new buildings at Austin Farm, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Insane Hospital Trustees.

Boston, Mass., April 16, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.
Your Honor:—The Trustees of the Boston Insane Hospital respectfully request that you transmit to the city legislative bodies a loan bill for the sum of \$25,000 for furnishing the new buildings nearing completion at Austin Farm, in accordance with the enclosed estimate.

Yours respectfully,

George H. Sargent, Chairman.

BOSTON INSANE HOSPITAL.

Estimate for furnishing new buildings.

Furniture	\$6,118
Crockery	555
Sundry furnishings	1,100
Beds and bedding	6,720
Restraint	100
Autopsy table	150
Kitchen kettle	75
Food cars	100
Columbarium	1,000
Electric light fixtures	2,500
Clocks	400
Bath room furniture	200
Mangle	1,000
	\$20,018
Bath room appliances	\$1,000
Furnishing gymnasium	500
Operating room	300
Passenger elevator	1,800
Physicians' laboratory	350
	\$4,050
	20,018
	\$24,068

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen.

April 18, 1904.

Ordered, That the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) be and hereby is appropriated, to be expended by the Insane Hospital Trustees for furnishing the new buildings at Austin Farm; and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Samuel Hichborn (263 W. Newton St.), to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(2) Edward B. Daily (7 Akron St.), to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(3) James Buckner (80 Brighton Ave.), to be a member of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(4) Thomas J. Lane (120 Hayre St.), to be a Bath Trustee for a term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(5) James Mulcahy (75 Cheney St.), to be Building Commissioner for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(6) Albert W. Hersey (59 Elm Hill Ave.), to be a Cemetery Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(7) Edmund A. Macdonald (677 Cambridge St., Wd. 25), to be City Collector for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(8) William Jackson (136 Academy Hill Road), to be City Engineer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(9) Henry H. Sprague (33 Fairfield St.), to be a Trustee of The Boston City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(10) Josiah H. Benton, jr. (265 Newbury St.), to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(11) George E. McKay (8 Wayne St.), to be Superintendent of Markets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(12) Alfred De Voto (164 Salem St.), to be a member of the Board of Music Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(13) William P. Fowler (275 Newbury St.), to be an Overseer of the Poor for a term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(14) Thomas Sproules (31 Hillside St., Wd. 19), to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(15) Thomas Downey (362 Arborway), to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(16) James M. Prendergast (135 Bay State Road), to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(17) Thomas A. Whalen (1 Normandy St.), to be Superintendent of Printing for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(18) Hugh Montague (17 Fayette St.), to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(19) William Doogue (154 East Cottage St.), to be Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(20) Edward W. McGlen (145 Ashmont St.), to be City Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(21) Henry B. Lovering (52A Stanwood St.), to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term of one year, beginning May 1, 1904.

(22) John J. Higgins (141 L St.), William J. Campbell (8 Mt. Vernon St., Wd. 16), Jeremiah J. Crowley (55 Snowhill St.), Charles Mintz (58 Sterling St.), Daniel J. Movnlhan, Jr. (58 Broadway, Wd. 13), John L. Donovan (Noanet St., Wd. 7), Jeremiah Brosnahan (21 Codman Park), John E. Ansell (78 Charles St., Wd. 11), James H.

Connors (3 New Heath St.), and Hugh J. Quinn (717 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12), to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures, all for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(23) Nathaniel J. Rust (488 Commonwealth Ave.), to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(24) John E. Gilman (13 Schuyler St.), to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(25) Gordon Abbott (491 Commonwealth Ave.), to be a Statistics Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(26) James Donovan (71 Emerald St.), to be Superintendent of Streets for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(27) George U. Crocker (378 Marlborough St.), to be City Treasurer for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(28) George R. Swasey (181 Massachusetts Ave.), to be a member of the Board of Appeal, under Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 12, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

Severally laid over, under the law.

Communications were also received from the Mayor, giving notice to the Board of the appointment of the following officials, their appointments not being subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Francis W. Chandler (195 Marlborough St.), to be a member of the Board of Art Commissioners, under Stat. 1898, Chap. 410, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(2) Joseph C. Pelletier (4 Howland St.), to be a Trustee for Children, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, Sects. 1, 2 and 3, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(3) Elizabeth C. Keller (46 St. John St.), to be a Trustee for Children, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, Sects. 1, 2, and 3, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(4) David B. Shaw (44 Polk St., Charlestown), to be a member of the Board of Election Commissioners, under Chap. 11, Sects. 69 and 70, of the Revised Laws, for the term of four years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(5) Henry S. Russell (191 Commonwealth Ave.), to be Fire Commissioner, under Stat. 1895, Chap. 449, Sects. 2, 9 and 10, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(6) George A. Sanderson (27 Adams St., Charlestown), to be an Insane Hospital Trustee, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, as amended by Stat. 1897, Chap. 451, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(7) Catherine L. Marion (5 Sparhawk St.), to be an Insane Hospital Trustee, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, as amended by Stat. 1897, Chap. 451, for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(8) William P. Fowler (275 Newbury St.), to be Institutions Registrar, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, Sects. 1 and 6, and Revised Ordinances, Chap. 2, Sec. 1, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(Mr. Fowler's services as Institutions Registrar, are, in accordance with his request, to be rendered without pay.)

(9) John B. Martin (762 E. 4th St.), to be Penal Institutions Commissioner, under Stat. 1895, Chap. 449, and Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(10) Eugene S. Sullivan (5 Putnam St.), to be Water Commissioner, under Stat. 1895, Chap. 449, Sects. 2, 12 and 13, for the

term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(11) Charles C. Jackson (301 Marlborough St.), to be a Director of the Workingmen's Loan Association, under Stat. 1898, Chap. 108, Sect. 4, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(12) Robert F. Clark (9 Gloucester St.), to be a Director of the Collateral Loan Company, under Stat. 1876, Chap. 11, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 18, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint the following-named persons Constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904. Commissions of Constables not named herein will expire on April 30, 1904, and such Constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Connected with Official Positions.

Jacob Barber, Frederick A. Breen, Cornelius J. Bresnahan, Carlan A. Brown, William W. Campbell, William W. K. Campbell, Daniel B. Carmody, William A. Coburn, Thomas A. Crawford, Joseph P. Dever, William G. Dolan, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Downs, Charles A. Downs, Charles H. Fillisetti, John J. Franey, Jeremiah J. Gilman, James Graham, John F. Harrigan, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, Joseph M. Harrington, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Joseph Houghton, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Lawrence J. Kelly, Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, John B. McDonough, John McLoughlin, George H. Nason, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, James O'Connor, James A. O'Donnell, George N. Parker, Alvah H. Peters, Alvin I. Phillips, John H. Riley, Henry J. Schenck, Charles J. Smith, Forest E. Starr, Cornelius F. Sullivan.

To Serve Without Bonds.

Truant Officers—George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Maurice F. Corkery, Frank A. Dothage, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, David L. Jones, Timothy J. Kenny, David F. Long, John McCrillis, George Murphy (chief), Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Woofindale.

Probation Officers—William A. Blossom, Nathaniel Leonard, Calvin A. Littlefield, Charles H. D. Stockbridge.

With S. P. C. T. C.—William R. Critcher-

son, Monsier D. Mann, Edwin R. Smyth.

With S. P. T. C. A.—Lemuel B. Burrill, Charles F. Clark, James Duckering, James R. Hathaway, Thomas Langlan, George W. Splaine.

With St. Vincent De Paul Society—John B. F. Emery.

With United States Recruiting Officer—William S. Sampson.

Not Connected with Official Positions—John E. Andrews, Nathan E. Bates, Lyde W. Benjamin, James E. Bowe, John A. Buswell, Archibald Campbell, Michael Cangiano, James M. Carter, William H. Chick, James A. Clark, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, Timothy S. Cronin, James W. Currier, George C. Davis, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, J. Stephen Dow, George G. Drew, John A. Duggan, Thomas A. Dunn, Jacob Fainstein, Thomas Fee, Peter P. Fee, Frederick D. Gallupe, Charles G. Goussebaire, Sears H. Grant, George W. Green, Thomas F. Griffin, Lewis G. Grossman, Joseph Guttentag, Charles F. Hale, John H. Harkin, John Harrington, Edward L. Hopkins, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, John H. Jennings, Gusteen I. Kenerson, George E.

Kerr, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, William H. Lyon, Michael F. Kelly, William M. MacDonald, Thomas F. Malone, George R. Mathews, William McGonigle, William F. McLaren, James McNulty, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, Osborn A. Newton, Isaiah Paine, Jr., Robert Reid, Peter H. Reinstein, John J. Rogers, Louis M. Roth, George Henry Royce, Thomas Rush, George J. Ryan, Charles A. Savery, David Schapero, Charles F. T. Schwaar, Henry W. Shepard, Henry C. Shrieves, Anson Stern, Joseph P. Swift, William H. Swift, Charles F. Taylor, Frederic S. Walker, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Ernest L. Weis, George F. Wentworth, George L. Wrighton, Frank Yennaco.

Severally laid over, under the law, and ordered printed.

OFFICIALS PAID BY FEES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., April 18, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I make the following appointments:

(1.) Edward Hughes to be Chief Weigher of Vessels, and James J. Neville to be Weigher of Vessels, for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(2.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904:

George H. Adams, Charles I. Albee, Morton Alden, William E. Allen, Franklin W. Anderson, Revere E. Atwood, Fulton S. Bacon, Thomas E. Bates, George A. Bachelder, William G. Bail, George E. Baker, William W. Barker, James E. Barnett, Peter Benson, Frank P. Black, Fred R. Bolster, Barney M. Brennan, Michael J. Brennan, George W. Bridges, Edwin C. Brown, Ira W. Brown, Walter W. Bryant, Oscar O. Bucknam, William Butchart, Pearl J. Caldwell, Clarence L. Caldwell, Donald S. Campbell, William A. Campbell, Willis S. Carsley, Charles A. Chadwick, Charles Taft Chapin, Constantine J. Church, James J. Chute, George Asa Clark, John E. Clark, Frederick E. Cleaves, Otto Coblenzer, Paul G. Coblenzer, John E. Colbert, Thomas Colbert, Nelson B. Coll, Hugh F. Crane, Arthur R. Crooks, Arnold B. Crosby, Thomas A. Crosby, Dennis C. Crowley, Andrew W. Crowther, Fred Cutter, James B. Dana, Charles E. Dodge, John J. Doherty, Edgar F. Drown, Andrew H. Dwyer, John W. Edson, William H. Eltz, Thomas J. Fallon, John C. Felker, Jr., Arthur L. Fish, Edward L. Fitzgerald, Joseph Flores, Henry A. Frost, Charles W. Furlong, Benjamin A. Gardner, Nathaniel W. Gifford, Martin Gilbert, William A. Gove, Albert W. Grant, Charles T. Grant, John V. Haley, Arthur S. Hall, Miss Georgie Hall, Charles A. Hamann, Isaiah B. Hamblen, Walter P. Hamblen, Chester J. Hayes, Sidney C. Higgins, George G. Hobson, Leroy C. Holbrook, John W. Hunter, Abbe F. Hyde, Frank B. Ingalls, Herbert E. Irving, Alton F. Jackson, William P. Jenkins, David Boyd Johnson, Frederick A. Jones, William W. Kee, William E. Keene, John F. Kelly, Jr., William J. Kennedy, Maurice H. Klous, Daniel F. Lauten, Thomas H. Lawton, F. Ernest Little, Jeremiah C. Long, John D. Lovering, John J. Lyons, Jeremiah L. McCarthy, Joseph McGreevey, John McKinnon, William M. McNamara, Richard J. Moore, Angus L. Morrison, John Morrison, Charles E. Morse, E. Eugene Morse, Eugene R. Morse, Fred L. Moses, Howard N. Mosher, George L. Mudge, Edward P. Murphy, John F. Nelson, John B. Nickels, Timothy J. O'Connell, Thomas J. O'Keefe, William E. O'Neil, Annie M. Owens, Henry C. Oxley,

John F. Perkins, Ida Phillips, William H. Pierce, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Horace L. Porter, Aubrey Potter, Hugh H. Ralph, Winsor W. Raymond, John Rea, Herbert F. Reinhard, Frank B. Reynolds, Walter J. Ripley, Horace G. Robbins, Bertram H. Rogers, Fred Roos, Dennis D. Ruddy, James Russell, David P. Sawyer, Harry W. Sawyer, William J. Seaver, Frank O. Seavey, James S. H. Sencabaugh, Lucius W. Smith, George C. Squier, William A. Stearns, James P. Stewart, Charles E. Stone, G. Louis Stowers, John C. Sullivan, William H. Swift, Harry L. Thayer, Henry F. Thomas, Frank O. Thompson, Francis J. Tobin, Andrew B. Toomey, Frank E. Trow, Theodore H. Tufts, Joel F. Vinal, Howard Wade, Bartlett S. Waterman, G. Clarence Webb, Charles S. Wellington, Stephen W. Welton, Nellie May Whidden, George E. Whipple, J. Clarence Whitney, John A. Whittemore, William Otis Wiley, Arvid A. Williams, Thomas H. Williams, Henry G. Williams, Henry G. Wilson, William C. Winsor, Clark D. Wood, Stuart P. Woodbury, William H. Woods, Frederick T. Wort, Charles W. York, George W. Zeigler.

(3.) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904:—

Charles I. Albee, Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, William G. Bail, Arnold B. Crosby, Thomas A. Crosby, James B. Dana, William H. Eltz, Thomas J. Fallon, Joseph Flores, Elroy W. Francis, Sidney C. Higgins, John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, William P. Jenkins, William W. Kee, William E. Keene, E. Eugene Morse, Albert T. Orrall, Horace L. Porter, Joseph Rourke, Dennis D. Ruddy, Harry L. Thayer, Frank O. Thompson, Frank E. Trow, Howard Wade, J. Clarence Whitney, John A. Whittemore, Stuart P. Woodbury.

(4.) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904:—

Charles E. Avery, Lawrence A. Bragan, Stephen T. Campbell, John H. Cavanagh, Michael Collins, Robert J. Desmond, Alton F. Dow, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Harry P. Frothingham, Carroll W. Gates, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Lawrence N. Hennessey, Joseph G. Herrick, George W. Keith, Martin J. Leggett, William T. McLaughlin, Everett McLean, Cornelius Murphy, Martin E. O'Hehir, Leslie A. Pike, Joseph Rourke, Frank O. Seavey, Alfred J. Sidwell, Henry Soutter, John Steele, Charles E. Stone, Clarence T. Tenny, Francis N. Treadwell.

(5.) The following-named persons to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904:—

Morton Alden, Charles E. Avery, Robert J. Desmond, William M. Dunn, William C. Glover, Amos S. Hubbard, Frank B. Ingalls, William Lincoln Bartolomew McGowan, William T. McLaughlin, Richard J. Moore, John C. Pike, 3d, Leslie A. Pike, Joseph Rourke, William H. Swift, Willard P. Whittemore, Andrew N. Wyeth, Jr.

(6.) John A. Duggan and John S. Humphrey, to be Fence-Viewers for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(7.) William Cotter, to be Field Driver and Pound Keeper in the Back Bay District, and John F. Rooney, to be Field Driver and Pound Keeper in the East Boston District, each for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(8.) Herbert C. Davis, to be a Weigher of Hay and Superintendent of the North Hay Scales; Maurice J. McCarthy, to be a Weigher of Hay and Superintendent of the South Hay Scales; and Charles W. Richardson, to be a Weigher of Hay and Superintendent of the Roxbury Hay Scales, each for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(9) James Graham, to be an Officer to have Charge of the Transportation of the Insane, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(10) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904:—

Nelson C. Clement, James F. Cloney, Fred Cutter, Oscar E. Eston, L. T. Farnum, Charles W. Furlong, Frederick A. Jones, John W. Kelley, Matthew A. Lawless, C. Herbert Morton, Edward P. Murphy, Dennis O'Sullivan, Walter J. Ripley, Harry W. Sawyer, John C. Sullivan, Thomas F. Sullivan, William H. Swift, John P. Tully.

(11) Arthur H. Moore, to be a Weigher of Beef for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(12) Frank L. Bowker, to be Surveyor of Marble, Soapstone and Freestone for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(13) James H. Cleaves, Orrin E. Hodsdon and William Park, to be Inspectors of Petroleum for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(14) Daniel J. Cameron, Sewall B. Farnsworth, Edward R. Maxwell and John J. Powers, to be Measurers of Upper Leather for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

(15) Patrick J. McCarthy, to be Inspector of Lime for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law, and ordered printed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and ordered referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Joseph O. Miner, an illuminated sign, at 159½ Eliot St., Wd. 7.

William H. McInerney, an illuminated sign, at 34 Brattle St. and 1 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

John H. Barry, an illuminated sign, at 77 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

John N. Landers, a transparent sign, at 635 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Mrs. Hattie C. Wright, sign, 47 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Joseph Wright, illuminated sign, 2169 Washington St., Wd. 18.

C. S. Gove & Co., illuminated sign, 80 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Claims.

Anna C. Noonan, for a hearing on her claim for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Thomas St., J. P.

Margaret L. Ingram, for compensation for injuries caused by her being struck by a pole with which one of the city employees was cleaning out a catch basin.

Margaret McPhee, for a hearing on her claim for personal injuries caused by the alleged defective condition of Boylston St.

James Havey, for compensation for damages to his estate, 17 Colton St., by the cellar of said being flooded with water.

James Grealey, for compensation for damage to his estate No. 111 Cambridge St., Charlestown, caused by its being flooded with sewage.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect thirty-eight poles on Morton St., Wd. 24.

Same company, for leave to erect three poles on Newton St., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., for leave to relocate a pole 70 Winthrop St., Wd. 5.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:—

Henry M. Whitney, on the evening of May 5.

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on Oct. 10, day and evening, and on Oct. 11 to 15 inclusive, instead of Oct. 3 to 8, as previously petitioned for.

John T. Mulranan, day of April 21.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Joseph A. Ring, for the removal of a tree at 9 Thomas Park.

Licenses.

Fred S. Murray, for a license for Joseph Wright and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Boston Theatre, for eight weeks beginning May 18, 1904.

George L. Layman, for a license for flying horses and swings on vacant lot on Harrison Ave. and Hunneman St., for two weeks beginning April 25.

Patrick J. O'Connor, for a license for pool exhibitions at Maverick Hall, East Boston, for the week beginning April 25.

Patrick J. Brady, for leave to run two passenger barges between corner of Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery during the present year.

Public Improvements.

George E. Kelley, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon on Union Park St., opposite the Penny Savings Bank Building, between the hours of 7 P.M. and 6 A.M.

George B. Colby, for leave to stand a night lunch wagon at Hayes Sq., Charlestown.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

Bangs & Wells, 141 Milk St., cor. Sewall P.

Frank P. Walker, 112 Hutchins St., Wd. 21.

Russell S. Stubbs, 167 School St., Wd. 22.

Robert L. McLeod, 33 Boylston St., Wd. 22.

John W. Douse, 21 Dix St., Wd. 24.

Eben Carpenter, 55 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

Jessie S. Crouss, 57 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of John W. Reardon, for leave to project one bay-window from building, 260 East Eighth St., Wd. 15.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept.

2. On petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company, for leave to erect fifteen poles on Tremont St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

3. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to remove one pole from Soley St., near Warren St., and to erect the same in front of 56 Warren St., Wd. 5.

Mrs. Annie T. Schofield, 8 Bow St., Charlestown, objected to the erection of the pole in her own behalf and also that of Richard J. Schofield and Thomas F. Schofield.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to recommit the petition to the Committee on Electric Wires with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for tracks on Sumner St. and Maverick Sq., and from Meridian St. to entrance to tunnel in Maverick Sq., and for the right to use the trolley electric system thereon.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

5. Ordered. That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pay the same amount to the teams working in the Park Department as the teams in the various other departments of the city receive.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to instruct the City Treasurer to pay the salaries of the janitors of schoolhouses once every two weeks during the summer vacation.

Passed in concurrence.

7. The following offered by Councilman BARRETT comes up as a substitute for the preamble passed by this Board April 4:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston commends the effort of the New England Manufacturers' Association to further the commercial interests of Boston by holding a convention in this city on April 26-29, 1904, with the purpose of bringing to the attention of the retail dealers of New England and Northern New York the many advantages possessed by this city as a business metropolis, and that we welcome the visiting retail merchants to this city.

The substitute was adopted in concurrence.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Ellen M. Hanlon for leave to project one bay window from building No. 1631 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20—an order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, May 2nd, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

LICENSES TO KEEP OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

Standard Oil Co. of New York, 244 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, that action be laid over until the next meeting.

C. H. K. Skillin, rear of 63 Leonard St., Dorchester.

J. E. Thomas, 6½ Exchange St., Dorchester.

Edward L. Clark, 272-4 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

A. T. Stearns Lumber Company, 98 Taylor St., Wd. 24.

Leave was granted on the usual conditions.

Reports were also received from the Fire Commissioner on petitions for licenses to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Rising Sun Street Lighting Co., 1016 Washington St., Dorchester, and other locations.

Houghton & Dutton, Tibbetts' Townway, Charlestown.

The O. Sheldon Co., lot off Taylor St., Wd. 24.

Leave was granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Henry M. Whitney, evening of May 5.

John T. Mullranan, day of April 11.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 20 newsboys, 12 boot-blacks, and 3 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for amusement licenses—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:

George L. Layman (referred today), for flying horses and swings on vacant lot on Harrison Ave. and Hunneman St., for two weeks beginning Apr. 25, 1904.

Patrick J. O'Connor (referred today), for pool exhibitions at Maverick Hall, East Boston, for the week beginning Apr. 25, 1904.

Forepaugh & Sells Bros. (referred Jan. 18), for a circus in Huntington Ave., between Ruggles and Vancouver Sts., for one week beginning on either May 16, 23 or 30th.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Fred S. Murray (referred today), for a license for Joseph Wright and other children, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Boston Theatre for eight weeks beginning May 18, 1904—recommending that permits be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following, viz.:

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs—recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

William J. Hatch (referred Apr. 11), an angle sign, 7 Province Ct., Wd. 7.

John H. Barry (referred today), illuminated sign, 77 Stanford St., Wd. 8.

S. P. Proodian & Sons (referred Apr. 11), 822 Washington St., Wd. 7.

William J. Sinkind (referred Apr. 11), watch sign, 177A Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay windows—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

B. Ferguson (referred Mar. 14), one, 263 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Ellen T. Gavin (referred Apr. 11), 3, 118 Mt. Vernon St. and 55-9 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Horace D. Chapin, et al., executors (referred Apr. 11), 1, 49 Beacon St., cor. Spruce St., over Spruce St., Wd. 11.

Charles H. Wood (referred Apr. 11), 1, 316 Newbury St., Wd. 11.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred Feb. 29), for projections—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Mercantile Wharf Corporation, permanent awning at 2-6 Mercantile St., and 84-6 Clinton St., Wd. 6.

Journal Building Trust, canopy, 262 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RETURN OF BOOKS, ETC.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the City Clerk be authorized to return to the Second Baptist Society in Boston "The books and papers of said society and of the 'Baldwin Place Baptist Society,'" it appearing that said books and papers were placed only temporarily in his custody, and it further appearing that said Second Baptist Society is still legally in existence and is the legal successor of the Baldwin Place Baptist Society.

Passed.

LAMPS IN MATTAPAN.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of lamps to properly light Chester and Rockway Sts., Mattapan, Wd. 24; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

CONTRACTS FOR BOSTON CONCERNS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the School House Commissioners, as far as practicable, to place all contracts for school-house construction with Boston concerns, in preference to outside contractors; as all outside contractors bring employees from outside of Boston and very little of the taxpayers' money remains in Boston.

Passed.

CROSSING ON CHESTNUT AVE.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to construct a blockstone or flagging in Chestnut Ave. at the corner of No. 88 Wyman St., Wd. 22; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division.

Passed.

LAMPS ON GERARD AND OTHER STREETS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place boulevard naphtha lamps upon Gerard, Howard, Reed, Lansdowne and Chesterfield Sts., Wd. 17; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

SIDEWALK IN ARLINGTON AVE.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Arlington Ave., between Alford

St. and Fred St., Wd. 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, at 3.35 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 3.50 o'clock P.M.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree from in front of No. 11 Thomas Park, and to trim the trees in front of No. 12 Thomas Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BRESNAHAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail.

The motion was lost.

Adjourned, at 3.52 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to meet on Monday, April 25, at 3 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, April 25, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

CIRCUS LICENSE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 21, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your order granting a license to Forepaugh & Sells Brothers to exhibit a circus and menagerie on the vacant lot on Huntington Ave., between Ruggles and Vancouver Sts., for any one of the three weeks, beginning May 16, May 23 and May 30, next.

It is manifest that the petitioners require the use of the lot and the license to cover it for only one week, and it seems fair to assume that they have already elected which week to perform; but, if not, it is entirely proper to require them to elect which one of the weeks they desire the license for.

It is wrong in principle to allow them a blank license to cover three weeks, to the possible, and it may be the probable, exclusion of other exhibitors. We have no right to grant any such exclusive privilege, and the experience of last year with rival circus exhibitors confirms my judgment that great caution should be exercised in limiting all such people to a special week and a special field for their exhibitions.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Charles C. Jackson (301 Marlborough St.), to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(2) Thomas B. Shea (132 Warren St., Wd. 17), to be a member of the Board of Health for the term ending April 30, 1907.

(3) Charles W. Friend (13 Bartlett St., Wd. 3), Herbert W. Scott (78 Auckland St.) and Alexander A. Telford (47 Fulda St.) to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over, under the law.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, April sitting, viz:— Joseph C. Lane, Wd. 3; Samuel N. Cohen, Wd. 24; John J. Kilion, Wd. 22; C. Warren Moulton, Wd. 11; Samuel M. Norton, Wd. 7; William H. C. Thomas, Wd. 5; Leslie W. Kindred, Wd. 19; George A. Knight, Wd. 2; Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Wd. 10; William H. A. Parks, Wd. 11; Vinton P. Bangs, Wd. 21; Harry E. Cutler, Wd. 9; Frank H. Waterman, Wd. 14; James V. Whidden, Wd. 20; Nathan T. Robinson, Wd. 20; Joseph F. Baker, Wd. 3; Joseph M. Finn, Wd. 15; Edward Quinn, Wd. 15; Edward Bishop, Wd. 13; Frank W. Finlay, Wd. 1;

William H. Shepard, Wd. 10; Joseph C. Stevens, Wd. 11; George Helfrich, Wd. 22; John Donovan, Wd. 13; Alfred W. Paine, Wd. 16; Frank P. Lewis, Wd. 2; Frank McAlevy, Wd. 24; Francis Wachter, Wd. 4; Stephen A. Newcomb, Wd. 15; Louis F. Wood, Wd. 10; Frank W. Wildes, Wd. 11; Jeremiah E. Holland, Wd. 13; Stephen P. Mahoney, Wd. 7; Patrick G. Hurley, Wd. 19; Henry J. Williams, Wd. 17; James H. Crichtett, Wd. 2.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April sitting, viz:—

William R. Heal, Wd. 24; Thomas H. Kerrigan, Wd. 22; Thomas Enwright, Wd. 24; John G. Koelsch, Wd. 21; James A. Ryan, Wd. 25; Frank A. Harding, Wd. 20; Charles H. Howes, Wd. 22; Frederick McNeil, Wd. 21; Ephraim E. Emerson, Wd. 14; James L. Harding, Wd. 20; Edwin Grigg, Wd. 19; Myer L. Silverstein, Wd. 6; Jesse L. Gomez, Wd. 2; Frederick F. McAvoy, Wd. 3; James H. Devereaux, Wd. 4; Frank O'Rourke, Wd. 1; Edward S. Farwell, Wd. 20; James Young, Jr., Wd. 25; Harry O. Alexander, Wd. 10; Thomas F. Kelley, Wd. 16; John A. Webster, Wd. 1; Charles Mahan, Wd. 11; John J. Mann, Wd. 1; Charles E. A. Hiss, Wd. 25; Charles P. Blinn, Wd. 20; Dennis V. Driscoll, Wd. 9; Edwin M. Buxton, Wd. 9; Joseph Leggett, Wd. 13; John P. Turnquist, Wd. 3; Clement A. Huff, Wd. 17.

Thirty traverse jurors, Second Session, Superior Civil Court, April sitting, viz:—

George T. Rendle, Wd. 1; Alfred W. Sprague, Wd. 20; James M. Alger, Wd. 11; Ralph B. McDaniel, Wd. 25; Samuel R. Estey, Wd. 24; Henry A. Harding, Wd. 10; Thomas J. L. Brady, Wd. 13; Charles F. Baldwin, Wd. 9; William P. Moriarty, Wd. 8; William Barrett, Wd. 18; Joseph Whitaker, Wd. 23; Charles H. Currier, Wd. 21; James T. Frederickson, Wd. 21; Charles M. Seaver, Wd. 23; Edward F. Maine, Wd. 20; Samuel S. Crosby, Wd. 16; John F. Murphy, Wd. 9; James F. Hopknis, Wd. 15; William James Meek, Wd. 14; Frank E. Granger, Wd. 21; Frederick L. Hill, Wd. 21; Joseph Uhrig, Jr., Wd. 12; Allan McDonald, Wd. 6; Thomas L. McGovern, Wd. 21; Thomas O. Tully, Wd. 5; Joseph J. Murphy, Wd. 9; Watkin W. Roberts, Wd. 20; Louis J. F. Porcella, Wd. 6; Alvert Van Raalte, Wd. 10; Thomas H. Meade, Wd. 24.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April sitting, viz:—

Henry E. Newhall, Wd. 12; Albert S. Bass, Wd. 24; Newton Crane, Wd. 10; Walter R. Goodnow, Wd. 11; Charles H. Whitney, Wd. 10; Vincent Riedl, Wd. 22; John Magnuson, Wd. 23; Edward A. Kimball, Wd. 24; William B. Loughton, Wd. 24; Walter W. Totman, Wd. 20; Samuel H. Hume, Wd. 15; William J. Bagley, Wd. 3; George V. Field, Wd. 15; Alvert W. Finlay, Wd. 24; Peter R. Harrigan, Wd. 20; George N. Parker, Wd. 22; Charles Hood, Wd. 15; J. Stuart Banfield, Wd. 15; John L. Thorpe, Wd. 18; George R. Bayliss, Wd. 16; Robert A. Watson, Wd. 19; Charles W. Stillherger, Wd. 19; Martin E. Harrington, Wd. 24; Francis E. Babcock, Wd. 12; Ellery M. Parks, Wd. 24; Louis G. L. Bissonnet, Wd. 19; Joseph W. Norton, Wd. 20; Thomas L. Bottomly, Wd. 9; James I. Spencer, Wd. 8; Mark H. Lynch, Wd. 22.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April sitting, viz:—

Thomas F. Fagan, Wd. 8; Henry H. Small, Wd. 9; M. William Carnoy, Wd. 11; Russell T. Churchill, Wd. 11; Frederick D. Lawley, Wd. 14; Frank E. Martin, Wd. 25; Frederick K. Lovejoy, Wd. 21; John Cavanagh, Wd. 7; Florence McCarty, Wd. 7; Leslie O. Wade, Wd. 4; Lawrence Collins, Wd. 2; James F. Lynch, Wd. 4; Alfred E. Webster, Wd. 1; William F. McCarthy, Wd. 13; James Foley, Wd. 14; Gottlieb Grabert, Wd. 21; Edgar A. Conant, Wd. 20; Stephen J. Moran, Wd. 25; Patrick H. Dillon, Wd. 20; Timothy A. Sullivan, Wd.

2; Frank P. Nowlan, Wd. 6; Thomas J. Lonergan, Wd. 17; James J. Hoar, Wd. 17; Michael J. Croity, Wd. 16; George G. Wentworth, Wd. 21; Henry L. Richmond, Wd. 14; George R. Richards, Wd. 24; Frank A. Woods, Wd. 10; Joseph W. Cavanaugh, Wd. 18; Thomas E. Glynn, Wd. 8.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April sitting, viz.: James Clogher, Wd. 12; Samuel Clark, Wd. 21; John W. Drake, Wd. 1; Hubert W. Tower, Wd. 11; Eugene Daly, Wd. 15; Frank A. Woodbury, Wd. 2; Charles H. Knight, Wd. 20; Henry Gottosky, Wd. 16; J. Augustine Hill, Wd. 5; Timothy W. Kelly, Wd. 2; David A. Andrew, Wd. 25; George F. Leonard, Wd. 10; Percy Cordingly, Wd. 20; James J. Clark, Wd. 5; Cornelius F. Crowley, Wd. 17; Charles N. Nickerson, Wd. 14; John W. Anderson, Wd. 10; Walter Wilson, Wd. 9; Frank J. Fitzgibbon, Wd. 24; Christopher J. Halligan, Wd. 17; J. William Haigh, Wd. 19; John S. Williamson, Wd. 14; George A. Foster, Wd. 3; James J. Ritchie, Wd. 3; Charles K. Cummings, Wd. 11; Howard A. Flanders, Wd. 12; Edward Canny, Wd. 3; William F. Deegan, Wd. 17; John G. Weymouth, Wd. 9; James Young, Wd. 25.

Sixty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April sitting, viz.: Alex. D. Cassidy, Wd. 1; James Farren, Wd. 20; Albert A. Reed, Wd. 22; Dennis W. Hickey, Wd. 15; Jeremiah J. Mahoney, Wd. 15; John F. Brennan, Wd. 5; Thos. F. Bowes, Wd. 8; Charles F. Sefton, Wd. 22; Parkman B. Haven, Wd. 11; John J. Carr, Wd. 8; Wm. G. Roemer, Wd. 22; Edward F. White, Wd. 3; Ernest W. Roach, Wd. 15; John J. Loonie, Wd. 18; Thos. F. Keenan, Wd. 8; Stephen Molloy, Wd. 7; Walter J. Donovan, Wd. 24; Herbert F. Odell, Wd. 10; Patrick A. Lang, Wd. 2; Edward O'Hanlon, Wd. 11; James S. Carroll, Wd. 1; Frank N. Proctor, Wd. 1; Arthur R. Cotter, Wd. 24; John H. Flanders, Wd. 14; Martin V. Chambers, Wd. 13; Carleton F. Kelley, Wd. 17; Frederick A. Pike, Wd. 12; Robt. Gray, Wd. 25; James B. Bonner, Wd. 5; James Briggs, Wd. 10; James Gilmore, Wd. 19; John H. Kelley, Wd. 19; Henry H. O'Connor, Wd. 14; Robt. T. Parks, Wd. 20; Thos. H. G. Marston, Wd. 25; Terence L. White, Wd. 14; Thos. F. Cain, Wd. 3; Frank C. Soutter, Wd. 19; Chas. H. McCarthy, Wd. 4; John Miller, Wd. 13; Frank L. Hichborn, Wd. 21; Charles H. Taylor, Wd. 11; Martin F. Donnellon, Wd. 12; Michael Leonard, Wd. 9; A. Judson Curtis, Wd. 24; Frederick Spenceley, Wd. 21; Jerome L. Kelly, Wd. 17; Theodore Hastings, Wd. 22; Morton G. Baldwin, Wd. 11; John T. Coppinger, Wd. 10; Chas. W. Earley, Wd. 24; George Penshorn, Wd. 22; Michael J. Griffin, Wd. 14; Geo. B. L. Pearson, Wd. 24; Timothy J. Toomey, Wd. 3; George A. Mitchell, Wd. 4; William J. Fitzgerald, Wd. 16; Chas. H. Pfeffer, Wd. 13; William McCabe, Wd. 13; Everett M. Capelle, Wd. 20.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April sitting, viz.:

Richard O. Clark, Wd. 11; Otis Baxter, Wd. 18; Patrick J. Donovan, Wd. 18; Charles H. McBarron, Wd. 18; James A. Currie, Wd. 23; Walter Isidor, Wd. 10; Jasper A. Gove, Wd. 9; Charles McGuire, Wd. 24; Henry E. Hendley, Wd. 11; Matthew F. Coulthurst, Wd. 23; Eugene Flynn, Wd. 17; William A. Fisher, Wd. 3; John J. O'Brien, Wd. 13; Ubert K. Pettingill, Wd. 11; Walter F. Chapin, Wd. 5; Charles S. Burrington, Wd. 9; Daniel F. Donovan, Wd. 13; William Hannigan, Wd. 25; William Rutland, Wd. 12; Howard G. Mitchell, Wd. 1; George H. Luscombe, Wd. 23; Fred W. Mitchell, Wd. 23; Thomas H. Mulvey, Wd. 18; Samuel B. Stapleigh, Wd. 25; Arthur K. Paradise, Wd. 21; Michael H. Dwyer, Wd. 17; Samuel O. Galloup, Wd. 7; Samuel Davis, Wd. 10; Michael V. O'Hare, Wd. 15; Patrick T. Sheehan, Wd. 1.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Philip Alexander, a sign, at 87 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Frank Dodge, a drum sign, at 28 Summer St., Wd. 7.

McCarthy & Connelly, an arc light, at 12 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Samuel Gans (two petitions), for leave to project a key sign and an umbrella sign, at 4½ Appleton St., Wd. 10.

Steverman & Gibbons, a sign, at 50 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Jacob Werbitsky, a sign at 64 Ruggles St., Wd. 18.

Charles A. Mackay, a sign, at 111 Park St., Wd. 23.

Wm. F. O'Hearn & Co., two signs, 130 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Rebecca R. Joslin, that the city pay a certain bill of H. S. Hussey for work on sewer in Mt. Vernon Ave., Wd. 11.

Hannah Reinstein, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Decatur St., Wd. 9.

Margaret O'Donnell, for compensation for injuries received March 4, 1904, on account of an alleged defect in the highway.

Rebecca A. Tewhart, for compensation for damage to estate 67 Fowler St., Wd. 20, by the breaking of a sewer.

August Gohr, for compensation for damages to estate caused by overflow of a sewer in Prescott St., Wd. 17.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston and The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., that the first named company be allowed to acquire two poles of the second named company on Clarendon St.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

Ninth District Congressional Committee, on the evening of April 26.

Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, on the evening of May 5.

First Division Railway Mail Service, on Sept. 6, 1904, from 9.30 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Board of Health.

Boothby Surgical Hospital, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital, at 1-3 Worcester Sq

Licenses.

Mrs. W. S. Butler, for a permit for Matilda Morganstein and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at a May Festival, at the Mechanics Building, on May 7.

George W. Magee, for a permit for Frances McGrath, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, for the week beginning April 25.

A. L. Griffin, for a permit for Vera Collier, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, for one week beginning April 25.

Parker & Zozosky, for a license for a merry-go-round on lot at the northeast corner of Huntington Ave. and Ruggles St. for one week beginning May 16.

Charles J. Lincoln, for a license for athletic games on the Dorchester High School Athletic Field, for the season ending August 1, 1904.

Memorial Day.

John A. Hawes Post 159, G. A. R., for an appropriation for Memorial Day.

Police (Ald.)

Mrs. Catherine D. Pierce, to be paid for the loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

- J. Goldinger, 194-200 Bremen St., Wd. 2.
 Andreas Tomfohrde, 9-23 Wait St., Wd. 19.
 Richard W. Hale, 84 Burrell St., Wd. 17.
 P. O'Hearn, 7 Arcadia St., and on Montello St., Wd. 20.
 John W. Hayden, 1187-9 Morton St., Wd. 24.

STORAGE AND SALE OF OILS.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on the following petitions—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:-

Charles F. Baker & Co., for license to store oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at Temple St., Wd. 24.

William E. Leavitt, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at River St., corner Morton St., Wd. 24.

Approved by the Board.

LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

A report was received from the Board of Health on the petition of Boothby Surgical Hospital (referred today), for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 1-3 Worcester Sq.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office for the month of March, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$1499.

Approved and ordered paid.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Andrew Burnett for leave to project three bay windows from building on Lime Alley, Wd. 6—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 9, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, etc., viz.:-

1. Mrs. Charlotte F. Dunne et al., two windows, at 12-14 Wood St., Wd. 5.
2. Mercantile Wharf Corporation, a permanent awning at 20-24 Mercantile St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

3. Andrew Burnett, three windows, from building on Lime Alley, Wd. 6.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports on the following petitions—Recommending that orders of notice be passed for hearings thereon on Monday, May 9, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:-

Brookline Gas Light Co., to attach cross bars and wires to two poles of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts on Chester St., Brighton.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts and the Brookline Gas Light Co., that the first company be allowed to attach its fixtures and wires to one pole of the second company, on Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

Brookline Gas Light Co., to attach its wires to poles of the West End Street Railway Co. as follows:—One on Franklin St. and three on Braintree St., Brighton.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to erect one pole on Leverett St., Wd. 20.

The same company to erect one pole on Corey St., Wd. 23.

The same company to erect thirteen poles on Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

The same company to erect three poles on Newton St., Wd. 25.

The same company to erect poles on Clayton St., Wd. 24.

The same company, to erect two poles on Hancock St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition of Frederick W. Paine (referred March 28), for compensation for damage to estate on Northampton and Watson Sts.—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the city.

Accepted. Sent down.

TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of No. 153½ Second St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BALDWIN also offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of 353 Third St., South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of 143 K St. and 672 Sixth St., and remove two trees at the corner of P and East Third St., South Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim trees in front of estate 72-74 Chelsea St., East Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

APPOINTMENTS REFERRED.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, as I understand that there is to be some discussion in regard to some of these appointments of constables, I would move that those be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, where the matter may be straightened out; and I would, also, move that all the numbers under unfinished business, from 4 to 42 inclusive, be taken up and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The papers referred to were as follows:—Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

4. James Donovan, to be Superintendent of Streets.

5. Edmund A. Macdonald, to be City Collector.

6. George U. Crocker, to be City Treasurer.

7. William Jackson, to be City Engineer.

8. Edward W. McGlenen, to be City Registrar.

9. William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds.

10. Hugh Montague, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.

11. George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.

12. Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.

13. John E. Gilman, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

14. Henry B. Lovering, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures.

The following named persons to be Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures, viz:—

15. John J. Higgins.

16. William J. Campbell.

17. Jeremiah Crowley.

18. Charles Mintz.

19. Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr.

20. John L. Donovan.

21. Jeremiah Brosnahan.

22. John E. Ansell.

23. James H. Connors.

24. Hugh J. Quinn.

All the foregoing to be for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

25. Samuel Hichborn, to be a member of the Board of Assessors.

26. Edward B. Daily, to be a member of the Board of Assessors.

27. James Buckner, to be a member of the Board of Assessors.

28. William P. Fowler, to be an Overseer of the Poor.

29. Thomas Sproules, to be an Overseer of the Poor.

30. Thomas Downey, to be an Overseer of the Poor.

31. James Mulcahy, to be Building Commissioner.

32. James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

33. Nathaniel J. Rust, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

34. George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal.

All the foregoing to be for the term of three years beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

35. Josiah H. Benton, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library.

36. Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the Boston City Hospital.

37. Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee.

38. Albert W. Hersey, to be a Cemetery Trustee.

39. Gordon Abbott, to be a Statistics Trustee.

40. Alfred De Voto, to be a member of the Board of Music Trustees.

All the foregoing to be for the term of five years beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

41. Certain persons to be Constables for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904, as contained in City Document 69.

42. Certain officials paid by fees, as contained in City Document 70.

Nos. 4 to 42 inclusive, under unfinished business, were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON in the chair.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 15 newsboys and 15 bootblacks.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for permits for children under 15 years of age to appear at various places of amusement—that permits be granted, viz:—

Mrs. W. S. Butler (referred today), for permits for Matilda Morganstein and

others to appear at Mechanics Building May 7.

A. L. Griffin (referred today), for permits for Vera Collier to appear at Bowdoin Square Theatre for one week beginning April 25.

George W. Magee (referred today), for permit for Frances McGrath to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week beginning April 25.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Charles J. Lincoln (referred today), for a license for athletic games on the Dorchester High School Athletic Field for season ending Aug. 1, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of Parker & Zozosky (referred today), for license for merry-go-round on lot n. e. corner Huntington Ave. and Ruggles St. for week beginning May 16—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz:—

First Division Railway Mail Service, Sept. 6, from 9.30 A.M. to 1 A.M.

Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, evening of May 5.

Ninth District Congressional Committee, evening of April 26.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLOSING OF BYRON ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Byron St. bridge over the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad to public travel during the time necessary for the completion of necessary repairs on said structure.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, P ST., WD. 14.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of P St., between Columbia Road and East Sixth St., Wd. 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF SOUTH BOSTON STREETS.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair and put in condition for public travel the following-named streets in South Boston:—

Second St., between L and M Sts.

Broadway, from E St. to G St.

Broadway, from H St. to I St.

Fifth St., from O St. to Q St.

Passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 4.20 P. M., on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 6.55 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to construct sidewalks in front of the following-named estates, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners of the estates to furnish said materials, viz:—

Frank P. Walker (referred April 18), 112 Hutchings St., Wd. 21, gravel.

W. S. Macomber (referred April 11), 8 Florence St., Wd. 23, gravel.

Harriet A. Greenwood (referred April 11), 56 Melville Ave., Wd. 20, gravel.

Jessie S. Crouss (referred April 18), 57 Rockwell St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Eben Carpenter (referred April 18), 55 Rockwell St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Russell S. Stubbs (referred April 18), 167 School St., Wd. 22, brick.

John W. Douse (referred April 18), 21 Dix St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

W. A. & H. A. Root (referred April 11), 379-381 Boylston St., Wd. 11, artificial stone.

Robert L. McLeod (referred April 18), 33 Boylston St., Wd. 22, artificial stone.

Bangs & Wells (referred April 18), 14 Milk St., cor. Sewall Place, Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted and orders passed.

(2) Report on communication (referred today), containing names of certain officials paid by fees, as contained in City Document No. 70 (see No. 42 on the calendar), returning the same to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 11, and the several appointments were confirmed.

(3) Report on communication (referred today), containing the names of certain persons to be constables for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904, as contained in City Document 69 (see No. 41 on the calendar)—returning the same to the Board of Aldermen for its action, excepting the name of Louis M. Roth.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation, with the exception of the name of Louis M. Roth. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast 12; yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed, with the exception of the one above noted.

(4) Report on ordinance (referred April 5), to abolish the Statistics Department—that the same ought to pass.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I move that that matter be laid over until the next meeting of the Board. I believe several members desire to say something on the question, and, as the hour is now late, I think it would be better to have the matter discussed at the next meeting.

The matter was laid over to the next meeting.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Ellen C. Jones (referred April 4), for leave to project three window caps at the American House, 50-64 Hanover St., Wd. 6—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, as follows:—

McCarthy & Connelly (referred today), an arc light, at 12 Dover St., Wd. 9.

William F. O'Hearn & Co. (referred today), two signs, at 130 Elliot St.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Josiah G. Bridge (referred April 11), for leave to pro-

ject two bay windows from building No. 14-16 Frothingham Ave., Wd. 5—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted March 28), for tracks on Summer St. and Maverick Sq.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double track branch-off and curves connecting existing tracks on Summer St. and Maverick Sq., East Boston; also double track branch-off from existing tracks on Meridian St. to entrance of Tunnel in said Maverick Sq., together with additional cross-overs; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated Mar. 26, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

CLOSING OF SEYMOUR ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Seymour St., between Brown Ave. and Canterbury St., Wd. 23, to public travel for the period of thirty days, or during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements at said point.

Passed.

SALE OF OIL.

Ald. HENNESSEY called up No. 43, special assignment, viz.:—

43. Action on the petition of the Standard Oil Company of New York, which has been approved by the Fire Commissioner, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in iron tanks, to be constructed for that purpose on land at 24 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I have received a number of remonstrances this afternoon in regard to No. 43 on the calendar, also a communication from the secretary of the Improvement Association requesting that the matter lie over.

I therefore move that No. 43 on the calendar be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

No. 43 was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

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VISITING HOURS, OUT-PATIENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested to have the Out-patients' Department kept open between the hours of six and seven o'clock P.M.

Passed. Sent down.

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REMOVAL OF TREE, MT. PLEASANT AVE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 98 Mt. Pleasant Ave., the expense of the

same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

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VISITING HOURS, PARENTAL SCHOOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Trustees for Children be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow persons to visit the children at the Parental School on Sundays and holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock P. M. without restriction as to the number of visits per month to each inmate.

Passed. Sent down.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. SLATTERY moved a general reconsideration of all action taken today; lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, at 7.04 P. M., to meet on Monday, May 2, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.**Proceedings of the Common Council.**

Thursday, April 28, 1904.

Regular Meeting of the Common Council
in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45
P.M., President Dolan in the Chair.

Upon the President calling the Council to order, Mr. EWELL of Wd. 12, said:

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present. -

The President ordered the members present to rise and remain standing until counted. But twenty-two members being present, the President declared the point of order well taken, and declared the Council adjourned to Thursday, May 5, at 7:45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, May 2, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. O'TOOLE, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PLEASURE VEHICLES AT WOOD ISLAND PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass, May 2, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order asking them to permit the use of the road around Wood Island Park by people in pleasure vehicles, as well as by foot passengers.

Respectfully,
Patrick Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Boston, April 29, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston:—

Dear Sir:—We have received and duly considered the enclosed order of the City Council requesting us to permit the use of the road around Wood Island Park by people in pleasure vehicles in addition to its present use by foot passengers only.

The foot paths are of light construction and are too narrow for two teams to pass. The use of them by teams would soon make them impassable, and moreover is incompatible with their convenient use by those wheeling baby carriages and other pedestrians, while the lawns would suffer whenever one team had to pass another.

There are ample arrangements for the securing of horses at the entrance to the Park, and as it is not quite so large as Boston Common, it can be easily traversed in a few minutes' walk.

At some future date, when the grade crossings are eliminated in the neighborhood, the construction of a drive around the Park would be considered, if the City Council should think the expense of its construction justifiable and appropriate the money for the same.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Sent down.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE MAYOR.

Messages were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:—

(1) James H. Dodge (72 Robinwood Ave.), City Auditor for the term ending April 30, 1905.

(2) Alden H. Harding (191 Webster St., Wd. 2), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1904.

Severally laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Ellen M. Hanlon for leave to project one bay-window, at 1631 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of the Massachusetts Wharf Trust, incorporated, for a location for a spur track for transportation of

freight, with such turnouts, curves and switches as may be needed, on Chelsea, East Eagle, Condor, Border, Summer and New Sts., East Boston, with the right to erect and maintain the necessary poles and wires and other fixtures upon said streets for the purpose of operating said track by electricity or other motive power, except steam.

Ex-Alderman Nolan, 334 Bennington St., East Boston, appeared and objected.

Recommitted to the Committee on Railroads, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept.

Boston Molasses Co., for leave to build an addition to shed on Commonwealth land off Summer St., Wd. 13.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

The Harrison Square Association, that the Board take measures to abolish a nuisance, viz.: An old, dilapidated building at the southwest corner of Park and Exchange Sts., Wd. 24.

Catherine T. Shevlin, for leave to construct cellar bottom of building 599 East First St., corner of 7 L St., at grade 3.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Globe Supply Co., an unlettered lamp, at 57 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Charles S. Gove & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 77 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Kelley Bros. Co., two unlettered lamps, at 304-308 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Sing Lee, two signs, at 279 North St., Wd. 6.

John M. Barry, illuminated sign, 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

National Furniture Co., sign, 75 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Mayer & Ewald, sign, 3 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Richard Loesser, watch sign, 346 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Carnival Association, cloth sign, 6 City Sq.

Claims.

Annie Hussey, for compensation for damages caused by surface water flowing upon premises 61 East Concord St.

Filomena Milano et al., to be paid for land taken for the relocation of Commercial St.

Orren B. Sanders, for compensation for damages caused by the blocking up of drain at 358 Commonwealth Ave.

Albert E. MacOrquodale, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by the drop at the East Boston Ferry not being in proper position.

Hugh Ferguson, for compensation for damages to property by the overflow of sewage at 281 Broadway.

Mary X. Cox, for compensation for damages to estate 62-64 Hampshire St., caused by pipes frozen in the street and excavations by the Sewer Department.

Ephraim Stone, for compensation for damages to estate 37 Cooper St., caused by the backing up of sewage into the cellar of said estate.

Louis Berenson (three) for compensation for damages to estate caused by overflow of sewage and surface water, viz.:—

Private way called Bartlett Terrace; 2501 Washington St., corner Bartlett St.; 1, 3, 5, 7 Bartlett Terrace.

Electric Wires.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to attach its wires to one pole of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. on Main St., Wd. 4.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:—

Henry M. Whitney, on May 16, instead

of May 5, as heretofore granted.

Mass. Woman Suffrage Association, on the evening of May 10.

Meat Cutters Local 397, on May 22, from 2 to 6 P.M.

United Friends of Armenia, evenings of May 7-9, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Mrs. W. H. Ryder, for the removal of a dead tree at 121 Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Licenses.

Mary J. Hussey, for a license for a garden party at 79 Lawrence Ave., Wd. 20, on the evening of June 15.

George W. Magee, Manager, for a permit for Joseph and Philip McCarthy, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week beginning May 2.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

John J. Kennedy, 31-3 Calumet St., Wd. 19; David J. Driscoll, 541-3-7-9 East First St., Wd. 14; George V. Wattendorf, 165 East Cottage St., Wd. 16.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Ansel McCorrison and Willard E. Burnham for leave to project three bay windows from building on the easterly side of P St. joining with the northerly side of E. Fourth St., Wd. 14—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, May 16, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing on May 11 on the petition of the Old Colony Yacht Club of Boston for license to extend Wharf in Savin Hill Cove, Boston Harbor.

Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End St. Railway Co., accepting its 233rd location, and agreeing to comply with the conditions set forth herein.

Placed on file.

SALE OF OILS.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioners on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving of the same, viz:

Annie M. Wilde, 1582 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

John J. Guthlin, 10 Richfield St., Dorchester.

Approved by the Board.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds for the approval of the Board, viz.:-

John E. Andrews, Nathan E. Bates, James E. Bowe, Frederick A. Breen, John A. Buswell, William W. K. Campbell, Michael Cangiano, Daniel B. Carmody, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, James W. Currier, Henry H. Dewey, George G. Drew, Jacob Fainstein, Peter P. Fee, Frederick D. Gallupe, Jeremiah J. Gilman, Charles G. Goussebaire, James Graham, Sears H. Grant, Joseph Guttentag, Charles F. Hale, John J. Henry, Edward L. Hopkins, George M. Hosmer, Joseph Houghton, Gusteen I. Kenerson, George E. Kerr, James M. Kilroy, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, James F. McCarthy, William F. McLaren, James J. Morgan, George H. Nason, James O'Connor, George N. Parker, Alvin I. Phillips, Peter H. Reinsteine, George Henry Royce, Thomas Rush,

Charles A. Savery, Charles F. T. Schwaar, Forest E. Starr, Anson Stern, Joseph P. Swift, William H. Swift, John J. Walsh, Ernest L. Weis.

Approved by the Board.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1). Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles and attach wires to poles—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, May 9, at three o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:-

The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred last year), to erect three poles on Seaver St., Wd. 20.

West End Street Railway Company (referred today), to attach its wires on one pole of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Main St., Wd. 4.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2). Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles on certain streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, May 16, at three o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:-

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (referred April 11), to erect 34 poles on South Huntington Ave., Wds. 19 and 22.

The same company (referred April 11), to erect eight poles on South St., between Walk Hill and Bussey Sts., Wd. 23.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred March), to erect 14 poles on Olney St., Wd. 20.

The same company (referred April 18), to erect 38 poles on Morton St., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3). Report on petition of Charlestown Gas & Electric Co (referred April 18), for leave to relocate a pole on Winthrop St.—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said pole to be located as follows:-

Winthrop St., Wd. 5; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole, 50 ft.x16 in.; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; date of plan, Apr. 18, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Winthrop St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work or locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

FACILITIES FOR MILITIA.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be hereby authorized to furnish the necessary facilities for transportation and target practice for the troops of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia stationed in Boston, during the present season, at an expense not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000); said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Quigley.

FOOTBRIDGE, WD. 23.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$2000 for the construction of a footbridge at Ashland St., Wd. 23, over the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CARE OF MONUMENT GROUNDS.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the grounds surrounding the monument in Thomas Park, South Boston, erected in commemoration of the evacuation of Boston by the British troops, to be placed and kept in fit condition, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to consider Nos. 3, 4 and 5, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz:—

3. Thomas B. Shea, to be member of the Board of Health, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

4. Charles C. Jackson, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds, for the term ending April 30, 1907.

5. Charles W. Friend, Herbert W. Scott and Alexander A. Telford, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Whelton.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen (referred April 18), on October 10-15, inclusive, instead of October 3-8.

Boston Children's Aid Society (referred April 4), on the afternoon of October 29, 1904.

Meat Cutters' Local 397 (referred today), May 22, from two to six P.M.

Henry M. Whitney (referred today), on May 16 instead of May 5th, as heretofore granted.

Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association (referred today), evening of May 10.

United Friends of Armenia (referred today), evenings of May 7-9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petition of Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (referred April 4), for the use of Faneuil Hall October 3-8, inclusive—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

ABOLITION OF STATISTICS DEPT.

Ald. CURLEY called up No. 6, special assignment, viz:—

6. An Ordinance to abolish the Statistics Department.

Be it ordained, etc., as follows:—

Chapter thirty-seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby repealed.

Chapter two of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one, in the clause providing for the appointment of certain trustees for the term of five years, by striking out the words "one statistics trustee."

The ordinance was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY.—Mr. Chairman, the Com-

mittee on Public Improvements on Monday last had a hearing and were addressed by Dr. Hartwell of the Statistics Department in favor of a retention of said department. The Doctor—who is a very entertaining, and, I judge, a very estimable gentleman, personally—produced arguments before the Committee on Public Improvements of such a nature that I am satisfied that no man having the best interests of the City at heart, no man acquainted with the condition of the City's finances at the present time, could very well do otherwise than vote in favor of the abolition of what seems an unnecessary and a useless Department, one which, to my mind, exists purely to satisfy the whims and the fancies of a very few faddists, whose chief pleasure is in making comparisons of the expenditures of different cities and towns in the United States. Among other things, the Doctor stated that the Statistics Department is in a very healthful condition, that the demand for reports of the department has been constantly on the increase, until today the Statistics Department issues every month in bulletin form—but always five months late—its reports, to the number of three hundred. Of those bulletins issued it is fair to presume that at least one hundred copies go either to members of the City Council, or to men connected in one way or another with the City Government. Of the other two hundred copies, it is a fair assumption that at least one hundred are used as a medium of exchange between the Statistics Department of Boston and other cities in the world that have a Statistics Department. As to the demand for the monthly bulletins of the Department by the different heads of the departments in the City of Boston, the Doctor said that, to his knowledge, there has not been a demand for more than twenty copies during the last twelve months from the various heads of departments connected with the City of Boston, with the possible exception of the Mayor.

Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that the ten thousand dollars which is required for the maintenance of this department can be very well expended in some one of the other city departments; and, if no really useful purpose is accomplished by the maintenance of the department, I believe that here and now is the place and time to abolish it. I am satisfied that when the City of Boston during the term of office of Josiah Quincy published the Municipal Record, there was some real excuse for the existence of the Statistics Department; but when section 2 of the ordinance creating the Statistics Department became inoperative—when, in other words, the city ceased publishing the Municipal Record—then the usefulness of that department as a branch of our City Government ceased. If there is no great demand from the various heads of departments for the monthly bulletin issued by the Statistics Department, as a means of making comparisons with the expenditures of similar departments in other cities, if there is no real demand by the men who are interested in the conduct of the affairs of the city, outside of a very few faddists, whose business seems to be to interest themselves in such matters with the object of criticising men who are better able to conduct the affairs of the City than themselves, men who have demonstrated their ability to a greater extent when placed in positions of trust than these very men who criticise them, then I think it is time that the department should come to an end.

Of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Statistics Department, who had the honor to serve a term on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, I have this to say: His chief criticism of

the members of the Board of Aldermen, sent out in the recent campaign, was in relation to their position upon what has been known as the Holbrook Estate item. Various members of this Board were criticised for their attitude in voting in favor of the purchase of the Holbrook Estate, in West Roxbury. The item was \$160,000 for the purchase of the so-called E. W. Holbrook Estate, formerly the Lawrence Farm, on Walk Hill St., to extend Mt. Hope Cemetery; the item being characterized as a grab, which was vetoed by the Mayor on the ground that the price was too large and that designating the tract of land to be purchased made it impossible to purchase it at a fair price.

Mr. Chairman, the gentleman who is at the head of this department served on the Board of Estimate and Apportionment during Josiah Quincy's term. He voted in favor of the following order:—

"That this Board make an appropriation for the purchase of the Costello-Callahan lot, situated at the corner of Walk Hill and Harvard Sts., adjacent to Pierce Farm, and containing 846,661 square feet, more or less, at 15 cents per square foot."

Mr. Chairman, the assessed value of that 846,661 square feet of land that he, as a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, voted in favor of purchasing at 15 cents a square foot, was in 1896 \$14,500. At 15 cents per square foot, the actual cost of that 846,661 square feet would be \$126,999.15; and yet he, Laurence Minot, having the best interests of the City of Boston at heart, having the best interests of the taxpayers at heart—this man, who takes the liberty to criticize whenever he sees fit each and every member of the City Council,—this man, while a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, voted in favor of the purchase of that land at a price of 15 cents per square foot, or \$126,999.15 for a parcel of land that was assessed for but \$14,500. In other words, he voted in favor of putting his hand down into the treasury and paying out to the owners of that land \$112,499.15 more than the property was assessed for! This man, who sees fit to criticize the members of the City Council whenever he is so disposed, was himself criticized later by the Court. He voted in favor of the purchase of the land when there was not sufficient money in the City Treasury to pay for the land, in October, 1899. The case was taken to the Court on the ground that the city had no right to purchase the land, that the money that was necessary was not in the City Treasury; and we find the following summing up of the case in the Supreme Court reports:—

"The city authorities of Boston desired to acquire certain land adjoining land of the city used for a hospital. The price of the land was \$226,000. The borrowing capacity of the city under the statutes of 1885, Chap. 178, limiting its indebtedness, was but little over \$24,000, and it had no money in its treasury available for the purchase of the land."

And yet he, the gentleman who had the best interests of the taxpayers and of the city at heart, voted in favor of expending \$126,999.15 when there was but \$24,000 to be expended!

"It was arranged with the owners of the land that they should mortgage it to third parties for \$202,000 and the city should buy it subject to the mortgages for \$24,000. The mortgages were to be payable three years after the conveyance to the city, with a privilege to the owners, their grantees and assigns, to pay them off before maturity. The city was not to be mentioned in the mortgages and the deeds to the city were to contain the statement that the city was not to be held liable in any way for the payment of the mortgages or the interest thereon. Upon a petition of more than ten taxable inhabitants of Boston, under the Statutes of 1898, Chapter 490, to enjoin the

city from carrying out the transaction, it was held, that the proposed action of the city must be enjoined as an attempted evasion of the Statutes of 1885, Chapter 178, and within its prohibition; that the transaction was in substance and effect a purchase of the land by the city for the sum of \$226,000 of which it was to pay \$24,000 in cash and the rest in three years with interest, with the privilege of paying sooner, and this notwithstanding the fact that the city could not be sued for the balance of the purchase money, the manner in which the indebtedness was created being immaterial, if the result was to subject the city to a present liability, direct or indirect, which the taxpayers eventually would be called upon to meet."

And the court uses this language:

"The object of the statute is to protect the taxpayer by confining the indebtedness of the city within a prescribed limit. The manner in which the indebtedness is created is immaterial if the result is to subject the city to a present liability, direct or indirect, which the taxpayers eventually will be called upon to meet. It seems to us that such will be the result of the ingenious scheme that has been devised in the present case? We think that the statute cannot be evaded in the manner proposed."

And the Supreme Court issued an injunction restraining the city from purchasing the land.

That is the type of gentleman who favors the retention of the Statistics Department, that he may indulge in his fad of making comparisons of the cost of maintenance of the departments of this city with the cost in other cities—just as the sport on the race track indulges his fad or fancy by betting on horses. Those are the kind of people who take the opportunity to criticize members of the government whenever they see fit, and strange to say, when they are placed in positions of trust they are always found wanting.

I would like to state further, Mr. Chairman, that one of the best proofs that the Statistics Department is a useless branch of the City Government is shown right here in its last report. That report is dated December, 1903, and Dr. Hartwell, the Secretary of the Board, tells us that they are often delayed in the printing establishment of the City of Boston and that it is an impossibility for them to get their reports out on time. When asked if that delay was more than two months in any particular case he said no, that it was not. I asked him if his report was ready for the month of March, to place in the hands of the printer. He said it was not.

Now, I claim that when the different departments of the City Government issue their annual reports, those reports cover everything that is necessary for the men who have in their charge the management of the affairs of the City of Boston; and, if faddists are to indulge their fads, I believe it should be done in the way in which every man has a right to do it—at the expense of their own time and means, going to the public library and obtaining whatever material they desire by consulting the reports issued by the different cities in the United States and in the world, without maintaining a statistics department. If the Board of Health issues a report of the number of births, deaths and marriages, the number of cases of contagious and other diseases, with a description of the same, I am satisfied that that is a sufficient report for anybody who is interested in the work and the statistics of the Health Department. As regards the other departments, the city, at an expense of from \$40,000 to \$50,000, publishes annual reports of the various departments of the city; and, if there is no great demand from the different departments for statistics such as this department under consideration deals with, I am satisfied that here and now is the place and time for the members of this City Government to save

the City of Boston \$10,000. We are told that the expense that is foisted upon the city by the state and the expense that the city is under at the time make it impossible for the heads of departments to conduct their departments on the efficient basis upon which they should be conducted. If we can assist the mayor and help the departments by saving \$10,000, which can be used for necessary work of the city, which can be used in the employment of the unemployed, I say it is our duty as members of the City Government to do it. As men having the best interests of the city at heart, let us abolish this useless and, in my opinion, unnecessary branch of the city service.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I want to say in advance that I regret sincerely that it is impossible for the head of the Statistics Department, Dr. Hartwell, to appear before this board in open session and give us the splendid reasons which he stated before us in committee for the maintenance of that department. I want to say a few words to the alderman who has just spoken in relation to his desire to economize. It does seem strange, after what the alderman has just said about his desire to assist the Mayor of Boston in conducting an economical administration, that, although the mayor this year, as last, has sent in a request for the abolition of the Lamp Department, which is maintained at an infinitely larger expense than the Statistics Department, I have never heard the alderman give utterance to any of these high-minded sentiments with which he has just favored us in the direction of helping the mayor to use the amount which is now being wasted in the Lamp Department in other directions, thereby aiding him in an efficient and economical administration.

One would imagine that this Statistics Department is a department that is being maintained by the City of Boston at an enormous expense, instead of which a mere \$10,000 is asked for the running of the department—a department which, in my opinion, is one of the most important departments the City of Boston can possibly maintain. I will go further and say that I think the abolition of the Statistics Department would be a distinct loss to the members of the City Government themselves. If the members of the City Government would take the opportunity of perusing that little yellow-covered book which is sent to them monthly and acquainting themselves with its contents, I think they would be in a far better position to discuss and manage the intricate financial affairs of the city, certainly, than some of them are at the present time. Why, here is a department which, putting aside every other consideration, furnishes the members of the City Government an educational system of reports compiled from every source in the city, such a complete bureau of information that, after acquainting one's-self with its importance, it does not seem possible that any member of the City Government would ask for the abolition of the department.

I want to read this little statement, Mr. Chairman, in relation to the Statistics Department. As no doubt the majority of the members of the Board know, Chapter 2, Ordinances of 1897, approved February 27, 1897, provides for the establishment of a Department of Municipal Statistics to be in charge of a board of six members, of whom the City Engineer, shall ex officio be one, the other to be appointed by the Mayor—and right at this point let me add that the statement has been made that His Honor the Mayor does not desire the retention of this department. It is obvious that if the Mayor did not wish the department to be continued he would not have sent to us, as he did last week, the appointment of one of the trustees for five years. That is conclusive proof to my mind, if there were no other, that the

Mayor does not wish the department abolished. I do not believe that any member of this board dares to stand on the floor and publicly declare that Mayor Collins has ever given utterance to the statement, privately or publicly, that he wants the Statistics Department abolished. I do not believe he does want it abolished. If he does, he would certainly have no hesitation in sending to the Board a communication asking for the abolition of the Department, and until he does that I think it is at least an impertinence for any member to say that the Mayor desires that department abolished.

The ordinance says: "Said Board shall collect, compile and publish such statistics relating to the City of Boston, as such statistics of other cities for purposes of comparison, as they may deem of public importance." That alone, to my mind, is of the greatest importance to the members of the City Government and to the citizens of Boston at large. The board composed of experienced business men and statisticians organized in May 1897 and began work.

Mr. Chairman, the greater part of the speech the gentleman has indulged in has been practically an arraignment of the chairman of the Statistics Department. Of course, if the alderman introduced the ordinance to abolish that department for the purpose of coming in here and making the attack he has upon Mr. Minot, he has certainly accomplished his purpose; but I don't think that is the only feature or the important feature connected with the Statistics Department which should be brought to bear upon members here as an argument for its abolition. I have failed to see any argument from the gentleman, aside from his severe characterization of the chairman of the Board of Trustees, showing why the Board should be abolished and the department should cease to exist.

In February 1898, the ordinance establishing the Statistics Department was amended, and the department required to publish at least once a week an official gazette to be called the City Record. We are familiar with that matter. We know that the City Record was published for over two years. In May, 1900, by direction of Mayor Hart, it was discontinued, his efforts to secure authority from the Legislature to make it self-supporting having failed.

It is very evident, Mr. Chairman, that this is not a partisan measure. The Statistics Department was not organized under a Republican City Government. Therefore, the alderman cannot accuse me of being influenced by partisan motives in this matter. It was established under Mayor Quincy, and if it was the fad of any person—which I deny most emphatically—it was the fad of Mayor Quincy.

I think the gentleman has failed to establish a single reason from which we may conclude that the Statistics Department is in the slightest measure to be considered a fad. We have merely his assertion for it. On the other hand, Mr. Chairman, I have communications here, one of them from a previous secretary of a mayor of Boston, Mr. Ernst, speaking in the very highest terms of Dr. Hartwell and of the work of the Statistics Department. I simply mention that in connection with the reference to this being a fad. The members of this Board know Mr. Ernst as well as I do. He was the secretary of a republican mayor of this city, and I am willing to take Mr. Ernst's word, as that of a man familiar with the work that that department does, and as an estimable gentleman. His endorsement of the work of the department, as well as its endorsement by other prominent men in this community, shows that it is not a fad; and Ald. Curley has given no reason

for the statement that he has made that it is a fad department. The City Record contained much useful statistical information relating to the administration of the city's affairs, but its discontinuance did not affect the ordinance of February 27, 1897, by which the Statistics Department was established. The gentleman says it did. He does not tell us why it did.

In May, 1898, Chap. 28, Revised Ordinances of 1892, was amended to provide for the publication of nine hundred instead of eight hundred sets of Executive Documents, one hundred sets to be delivered to the Board of Municipal Statistics. The Executive Documents thus placed at the disposal of the Statistics Department have been sent by it to the principal governments of the principal cities in this country and abroad and to certain important libraries which make a special feature of municipal documents.

At this moment let me add that Ald. Curley made a mistake in quoting the figures Dr. Hartwell gave the other day. I have here a communication from Dr. Hartwell, in which he states that the number of copies furnished by the department, instead of being 200 or 300, as he stated in reply to a question put to him by Ald. Curley in the committee room, is 715. That, of course, is because the department has been obliged to keep within its bounds of \$10,000 annually. Otherwise it would have circulated a great many more of these documents. And let me also say at this point that Boston takes rank as the best equipped city in the world, as far as statistical information is concerned. Last year there was a convention held in the City of St. Louis, and Dr. Hartwell was elected Secretary of the National Municipal League, comprised of secretaries of the boards in the different cities having this class of work in charge, the object of the association being to arrive at a uniform system of municipal accounting and statistics. In a very interesting report our city was referred to as the first city in the world in this kind of work, as having the most perfectly equipped statistics department in existence.

I would also like to say that there is information in possession of the Statistics Department today which positively has not been compiled by any other department in existence. I have here twenty-six little items, some matters upon which the Statistics Department has furnished information, mostly at request; and I want to say that these items contain information which would not be obtained from any other public source in the City of Boston—notwithstanding the fact that the gentleman says any person interested in statistical information may go to the various heads of departments or to the public library and obtain the information he desires. The few matters I have a reference to here, as showing the nature of the work which can be done and is done by that department, are as follows:—

1. **TRAFFIC UNDER DRAWLESS BRIDGES**, in London, Paris and Berlin. Prepared at request of City Engineer, used in argument for building Cambridge Bridge. Published, Monthly Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 1.
2. **MUNICIPAL SUPERANNUATION AND PENSION SCHEMES**. Called for by Mayor Quincy. Used before Legislative Committees and by U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington. Published in City Record, Vol. 2, No. 11; Vol. 3, No. 17.
3. **CLASSIFICATION OF INSTITUTIONS RECORDS AND STATISTICS**. Called for by Mayor Quincy, used in organization of Institutions Registration Department.
4. **INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPAL INSTITUTES FOR WORKING MEN**. At request of Committee of Franklin Fund Trustees. Used by them

and friends of proposed Franklin Institute.

5. **PLAYGROUNDS**. For Mayor Quincy, and citizens. In MS., to be published.
6. **COST OF SCHOOLS, ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, METHODS OF ELECTING THEM IN PRINCIPAL CITIES**. Used before Legislative Committee. Printed in City Record, Vol. 1, page 54.
7. **VACATION SCHOOLS AND MUNICIPAL LECTURES**. For Mayor Quincy.
8. **CLASSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS**. See First Report of Department, Pp. 8 and 9, with letter to Mayor recommending uniformity in reports of Institutions and Auditor. Adopted in Statistics Department publications. Used by National Municipal League and U. S. Census Bureau.
9. **WATER RATES IN PRINCIPAL AMERICAN CITIES**. At request of a citizen.
10. **DETERMINATION OF BOSTON'S DEBT ON ACCOUNT OF METROPOLITAN UNDERTAKINGS**. Called for by Mayor Hart; again by an Alderman. The basis of an extended study now in hand.
11. **INCOME FROM MARKET LEASES**. Prepared for an Alderman; used in debate.
12. **COMPARATIVE COST OF BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSES BY APPROPRIATION FROM REVENUE or from Loans**. At request of a newspaper man. And this, by the way, was at the solicitation of one of our large Boston newspapers, and it appeared at the time that from no other source than the statistics department could this valuable information which they sought in relation to the comparative cost of schoolhouses by appropriation from revenue or from loans be obtained.
13. **COST OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY**. At request of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.
14. **ACTUAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES AND DEBT CREATED**. By years 1885-1900. Called for by Mayor Hart. Used before Legislative Committee. Published, Expanded in Special Publications No. 5 to cover period 1870-1900.
15. **COMPARISON OF TAX-RATES, VALUATION, INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES OF MASSACHUSETTS**. At request of Mayor Quincy. Table published annually in Bulletin, Vols. 1-B.
16. **AMENDMENT OF REAL ESTATE AND BUILDING OPERATIONS, COMPARATIVE TABLES**. At request of citizen. In MS.
17. **LIQUOR LICENSE STATISTICS OF BOSTON**. At request of a member of Providence City Government. In reply to inquiries of a Police Commissioner,—expanded,—and published in Bulletin Vol. IV, 15,000 copies asked for.
18. **TENEMENT HOUSE STATISTICS, RELATING TO SANITATION AND DEATHS FROM CONSUMPTION, ETC.** At request of Tenement House Commission.
19. **STATISTICS RELATING TO VOTES OF WOMEN FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE**. At request of citizens. Used at State House. Published in Bulletin Vol. III, No. 10.
20. **SYSTEM OF REGISTERING VOTERS IN BOSTON**. At request of Municipal League Philadelphia. This was at the request of various other cities, for purposes of comparison.
21. **VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE IN MASSACHUSETTS CITIES**. At request of City Chamberlain of New York for use of Mayor Low.

That is something it is impossible to find compiled in any one volume, and it is equally impossible to find it in any other place than our own Statistics Department.

22. EFFECT OF SCHOOL LIFE ON BOSTON GIRLS. At request of Medical Improvement Society. Printed in Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.

That is a dissertation, in regard to the effect of school life on Boston girls, which is of a great deal of value to the medical profession.

23. COAL RECEIPTS IN BOSTON. Published Vol. IV., No. —. Asked for by Congressional Committee.

That is something which was brought out by our late coal troubles, last year.

24. EXPENDITURES BY BOSTON FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUFFOLK, OUTSIDE THE CITY. At the request of a member of the Legislature. From no other source could that information be obtained.

25. COMPOSITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION IN BOSTON AND GREATER BOSTON. Repeatedly asked for (and furnished) by citizens and business men.

26. PAY AND HOURS OF SERVICE OF FIREMEN IN PRINCIPAL CITIES OF UNITED STATES. At request of a member of the City Government. In hand.

I might also add that there has been furnished by that department a minute and detailed statement of the cost of construction of our Public Library building.

Those are some of the things concerning which the Statistics Department has furnished information which could not possibly be obtained from any other source, notwithstanding what the gentleman has stated.

Boston was the first city in the country to establish a department of statistics, and its example has been widely cited and favorably commented upon. After the establishment of the department in Boston similar offices were established in New York, Chicago and Baltimore. There have also been movements in favor of the establishment of statistics departments in Providence and San Francisco.

A recent editorial in the Boston Globe says:—

"The standing our own statistics department has attained may be summed up by saying that no student of municipal affairs would think of writing on Boston matters of the past half dozen years without taking its publications as a basis. The monthly bulletin of but 32 pages contains a summary of municipal activities and life, and is usually accompanied by a separate study of current interest. The special publications, of which nine have already appeared, each a folio book, averaging about 150 pages, have so far dealt almost exclusively with the paramount question of city finances. No higher praise can be bestowed upon them than to say that they are the first and last resort of all who wish to learn the facts in their true relation."

Since 1897, the Municipal Register has been edited and carried through the press by the Statistics Department, thereby saving some hundreds of dollars annually, formerly paid to a minor employee in one of the departments for poor proof reading. When the work of preparing the copy for the Municipal Register was laid upon the Statistics Department, the text of that document was full of errors and blunders. The tables in the Register have been revised, corrected and otherwise improved and important additions in the form of new tables have been made, particularly under the head of election statistics, general statistics, precinct, and school census statistics. The entire list of members of the City Council since the incorporation of the city has been corrected after comparing the names in the printed lists with the names signed or given in the original records. In accordance with an order of the City Council of this year the department is now engaged in the preparation of the Register for 1904.

The Special Publications of the Statistics Department devoted to the finances of the

city now cover a period of ten years. Certain of these publications (Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9,) are devoted to a study of the ordinary current expenses of regular departments. By means of these it is easy to trace the cost of any department or the increase and decrease of any item of expenditure throughout the ten-year period,—one of the most important and vital sources of information that can possibly be placed in the possession of any member of the City Government, Mr. Chairman. Other publications, namely, Nos. 6 and 11 (now in press) cover all expenditures from loan and special appropriations. These expenditures consist for the most part of payments for construction of public buildings or other public works requiring a considerable period of time for completion. It would be impossible to gather that information from any other source.

The history of the progress of the work is followed from its beginning to its completion. The various appropriations from which the cost of the work was met are brought into their proper relation with one another, and references given to the orders of the City Council or Acts of the Legislature authorizing the expenditure. The acquisition of the land, the erection of the building, and the furnishing of the same, are all treated in detail. This information is gathered from the City Council Minutes, from the printed reports of the department in charge of the construction, and from the plans and records preserved in the department office.

In addition to the work mentioned above which has already been published the department has on hand almost ready for the press two special publications.

Right here, Mr. Chairman, let me show you some of the publications of that department (producing copies of some of the publications). Here is the form of one of the special publications, No. 5, showing the receipts and expenditures from 1870 to 1900, inclusive. It would be impossible to obtain that from any other source. Here is also a special publication, No. 6, of extraordinary receipts and expenditures, from 1893 to 1897 inclusive, forming a very large volume, as you see. No. 9 gives the receipts and expenditures of ordinary revenue from 1898 to 1902 inclusive—a volume that every member of the city government ought to put himself in possession of. These volumes, numbered from 1 to 9, contain a vast fund of information, of the greatest value to any member of this City Government. How any alderman can come in here and say that a department which is doing so much for the benefit of the members of this City Government, by furnishing them with information they could not otherwise secure, should be abolished, is beyond my comprehension.

The department has also issued a publication giving a collection of the figures from the census of 1900, relating to the City of Boston. Understand, this is a compilation from the census in this one special particular form, for our benefit. It gives the facts connected with the city of Boston more concisely and in a better and more valuable form than they can be obtained from any other source, and the compilation has only been made with the greatest amount of labor. It forms a handy compendium of facts relating to the city. The department has also issued a study of the construction work undertaken by the city under the five years ending January 31, 1903, which will consist of about 200 pages. There are also several other studies in preparation, but not yet finished. The department has co-operated with the National Census Bureau and with the National Municipal League in an attempt to obtain statistics of other municipalities, also.

Soon after its establishment the department began an examination of the accounts of the city from 1822, the date of the city charter—something probably un-

paralleled in the history of the world. The department now has in its possession five volumes of ledgers, and a volume of trial balances taken off every five years, which together exhibit the expenditures of the city for permanent improvements during a period of seventy-six years. A reference to the ledger shows immediately the amount that has been expended upon any particular piece of property or for any particular piece of work; and, if the property has been sold within that time, it shows whether the sale was made at a profit or at a loss. The trial balances show, in summary form, the amount which has been expended by the city in every period of five years, under a dozen general headings, such as streets, bridges, parks, school-houses, etc. These volumes, even in their present condition, are of value. They furnish a satisfactory basis for a scientific study of municipal expenditures, and they are serviceable to the members of the city government who may wish information in regard to any particular piece of property. As an instance of the latter form of use, it may be mentioned that this department was able to furnish to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, at a few hours' notice, a statement of the amounts which had been expended for the various public institutions on the islands in the harbor, at South Boston, Charlestown, West Roxbury, and at Pierce Farm. The department has also, in manuscript, balanced statements of the receipts and expenditures of several departments of the city, by years, for the thirty years, 1870-1900, summaries of which have been published in Special Publications No. 5.

The department has always stood ready to aid members of the City Government and inquiring citizens in securing accurate and comprehensive information on subjects in which they are specially interested, and in response to such requests has prepared special tables and reports on obligations of the city owing to Metropolitan undertakings; classification of Accounts of Public Institutions in the principal cities of the United States; Water Rates; Pension Systems; Municipal Schools for Industrial Training; City Playgrounds, etc.

It is a universally accepted fact that no large undertaking can be safely conducted without an intimate daily knowledge of the business in all its details. This knowledge is necessary not only as a means of testing the efficiency of employees in all grades, of checking and supervising all items of cost, and of forming a sound judgment in the daily conduct of the business, but as a means of determining those broad questions of policy which are the foundation and the essence of all successful business.

The officials of the city and the public need as thorough and accurate knowledge of the city's business, and of all facts bearing on that business, as the manager of a private undertaking would have, and this knowledge should be readily accessible.

Considered as a business corporation, Boston is the largest in the state and one of the largest in the country. Its government is entrusted with administering the interests of over 600,000 people, including 90,000 school children. The city's taxable valuation amounts to more than 1285 millions of dollars, nearly 200 millions more than that of Philadelphia, with three times as many people. The city owns property worth over 100 millions of dollars, and employs somewhere from 12,000 to 15,000 persons probably. Boston in point of population is the fifth city of the country. While it is fifth as regards the value of its manufactures, it is second as to the value of its foreign commerce, which amounted to \$169,000,000 last year, when its

bank clearings amounted to over 6700 millions of dollars. Like every modern city, its affairs are intricate and diversified. Witness the number of its public institutions, and its advanced and progressive policy in respect to education, parks, playgrounds and public baths and public health. The most progressive cities of Europe long ago established statistical bureaus to aid their executive and administrative officials in maintaining an intelligent, economical and efficient policy. It is to Boston's credit that it has established a Statistics Department. It would be a step backward to cripple or abolish it.

Mr. Chairman, those are some of the arguments which I wish to bring forward as substantial reasons why the department should be maintained. The charge has been made that the Statistics Department employs non-residents of the city. With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I will read a list of the employees of the Statistics Department, with their residences:—

Edward M. Hartwell, Secretary, 4 Parley Vale, Wd. 22; Howard H. Cook, Chief Clerk, 358 Longwood Ave., Wd. 19; Roswell F. Phelps, statistical clerk, 20 Union Park, Wd. 9; Carrie E. Taylor, stenographer, 7 Wellington St., Wd. 12; Thomas F. McFarland, messenger, 237 Cabot St., Wd. 18.

That is a complete list of the employees of the Statistics Department, not one of whom lives outside of the City of Boston.

I have here also editorials taken from some of the principal papers of the City of Boston—the Boston Advertiser, the Boston Globe, the Boston Transcript and the Boston Herald, which I am not going to read, but which I would like to submit as a part of my presentation of the facts in support of the retention of this department. Every one of those papers strongly urges its retention.

Mr. Chairman, this is a department which deals with the financial questions of the city, and a very important department. You have your financial departments—the Auditor's, Treasurer's and Collector's Departments—handling the finances of the city, and you have this department, sifting all the figures and considering them from a social and economic standpoint. It is of the utmost importance to both branches of the City Council that these reports shall be continued, furnishing, as they do, a reliable basis of information as to what has been done, and furnishing the material necessary for discussion and investigation. If it were not for the information which the Statistics Department of your city has up to the present time furnished, your tenement house commission would be utterly at sea and unable to continue its work. The Statistics Department has not only aided that commission, but has been of assistance in every social and economic movement in which the citizens of Boston in recent years have been interested.

I feel that it would be a serious mistake for this body to attempt to abolish that department, and I earnestly trust that the members present will not vote to do so.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I suppose I may be permitted to say in reply to the Alderman on my right, in regard to the so-called attack upon the Chairman of the Board of Statistics' trustees, that I have made no attack upon that gentleman. I have simply made a truthful statement of fact—that he did something that was entirely wrong, that he did something that the Supreme Court of Massachusetts declared was illegal. As regards the Mayor's attitude towards the statistics department, I have no knowledge at this time as to what his attitude is; but from a petition submitted by him appended to a communication to the City Council in 1902 I am satisfied that his attitude at that time was that the statistics department was an

unnecessary and useless branch of the City Government. That read as follows:—

"Boston, March 17, 1902.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.—

Dear Sir—It is with regret and with surprise that we have learned of the withholding by the Council of the regular appropriation for the Department of Municipal Statistics. We must believe that this is done without careful consideration of the great service which this department has so quickly come to render to those in the City whose special duty it is to study and discuss municipal affairs,"—to study and discuss municipal affairs, Mr. Chairman! The department may have been created for that purpose, to study and discuss municipal affairs, but not for the best interests of the City of Boston. Previous to the establishment of this department the municipal register was published annually in either the month of April or May. The Municipal Register, which is the only document issued by this department which is of real benefit to the various heads of departments today, is now published in September or in October, six months later than it was before the Statistics Department was established.

The Statistics Department is the laughing stock and the butt of the learned people who have to do with the conduct of affairs in other cities.

The people who presented this petition to which I have just referred, in 1902, go on to say, further:—"and the warm and wide welcome which the founding of the department has had from the workers for municipal progress in the first great cities throughout the country."

The warm and wide welcome! I should say it was rather a December welcome, when, after being established seven years, they only publish, according to the statement of Dr. Hartwell himself before the committee, 300 copies of their monthly report, and those issued far behind the proper time for issuing them.

Ald. BROMBERG—As I have said, that was a mistake the doctor made, which he has since corrected.

Ald. CURLEY—Well, a statistician shouldn't make such a mistake. The petition goes on to say:—

In the month of May the National Municipal Conference meets in Boston. It would be melancholy indeed if this year, when the workers for municipal progress from the whole country honor Boston by gathering here for their deliberations, should be made the time when Boston strikes at an institution by which it has so highly honored itself in their eyes and so conspicuously identified itself with municipal progress."

And that is signed by James Richard Carter, William T. Fowler, and some others.

Ald. BROMBERG—And headed by Thomas J. Gargan.

Ald. CURLEY—As far as financial questions are concerned, I am satisfied that the gentleman has a better knowledge of finance than I have.

Ald. BROMBERG—It is not a question of finance.

Ald. CURLEY—In regard to Mr. Ernst's position on this particular matter, I want to say that in 1899 Mr. Ernst favored the abolition of this department. Now Mr. Ernst, under the administration of the Hon. Patrick A. Collins, sends out a circular letter to the members of the City Council urging the retention of the department. What has caused the change? As regards the attitude of my friend Bromberg, in the committee on appropriations—I don't believe those subjects are exactly sacred—at the first meeting of that committee he favored the abolition of the department. I cannot account for his change of heart, if all the employees of that department reside in Boston. He regards the Mayor's attitude in 1903, I have

this to say to the alderman who so stoutly defends the department, that a communication was submitted to the City Council as follows:

"Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15, 1903.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the trustees of the Statistics Department, outlining the work already accomplished by the department, and calling attention to other work, which, in the opinion of the department, should be undertaken, and which the department is willing to undertake if it is desired that it should do so. I am,

Very respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor."

A similar recommendation was made in the communication received by the City Council at the time the appropriation for the retention of the department was withheld.

In this statement, submitted Jan. 15, 1903, in behalf of the retention of the department—a statement which is signed by Laurence Minot, B. Rodman Weld, Gordon Abbott, Alvan F. Folsom and William Jackson—they say, among other things:

"The most manifest absurdity of our present lack of system is the fact, well known to every one who has been connected with the legislative branch of the City Government, that figures and estimates for use in the consideration of legislation and debate can only be obtained by a member at the expense of personal investigation and time, and when obtained are ordinarily challenged as being incorrect, unsound or unfair."

That bears out the statement I have previously made, that any man can get these statistics in relation to the different departments in the country by consulting the tables at the Public Library and the books that are published.

"We believe that the Department of Statistics should be in close touch with the legislative branches of the City Government, and so organized that any member of the Board of Aldermen or Common Council could have prepared for him in clear and authoritative form any figures or estimates that he may require in his legislative or committee work."

And, strange to say, while this department has since Jan. 15, 1903, been carrying on this work for the benefit of the City Council, I ask the gentleman to state why it became necessary, when His Honor the Mayor desires knowledge as to whether a department is being run economically or not, to hire Harvey N. Chase and pay him \$25 a day as an expert on statistical matters, if the Statistics Department is all right? If it is all right, why put the city to what may be termed a needless and unnecessary expense?

The department in its request says further that it desires "a corps of trained investigators, a corps large enough to get at the heart of the matter and produce results within a reasonable time,"—a confession on the part of the trustees, a confession on the part of Dr. Hartwell, the secretary of the department, that the department's reports are not issued at the present time in season to be of benefit either to the City Council or to the heads of the departments.

This statement suggests further that there should be—"second, an annual appropriation of \$50,000 to provide for such a corps." Fifty thousand dollars to provide for a corps of that nature, and less than twenty requests made by the heads of departments, who are the people who should be interested in these matters, during the entire twelve months previous to the first day of April.

"Third, an ordinance requiring every head of a department to furnish from his records or accounts such information, in such form and at such time as the statistics department, with the approval of the Mayor, may require. It rests with Your

Honor, with the City Council, and ultimately with the public to decide whether this work shall be done."

Did the Mayor recommend an increased appropriation for the Statistics Department in 1903? Did the Mayor recommend an increase in 1904? Did he even suggest to any member of the Committee on Appropriations that the appropriation for this department should be increased this year?

If the gentleman who sits on my right, and who was in the Board of Aldermen last year, believes that this is a necessary and useful branch of the city service, why did he not introduce an order asking that the appropriation for the department this year be increased to \$50,000? Why did he not do the same the year before? Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that some of the statistics departments in the United States and in the world are of material benefit to the taxpayers, to the people who have to bear the burden of the mistakes of members of the City Council and of the heads of departments. I believe the statistics department of New York, which is in a measure self-supporting, and which publishes a report with a list of the city employees and the salary of every city employee, as well as his residence, which is sold to the public for twenty-five cents, making the department in a measure self-supporting—I believe a department carried on in that manner should be maintained; but I believe that a department that can offer no excuse for its existence should be abolished.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I had not intended to say anything on this subject this afternoon; but the discussion has gone on and I feel that I ought to say at least a word or two. The gentleman who has advocated the abolition of this department which has now existed in the city of Boston for seven years, a department that has already proved its value, a department that answers a purpose, a department that is doing good and efficient work—the gentleman who has advocated the abolition of the department has not, in my opinion, advanced a single argument in behalf of his contention, other than this, that the men who are interested in the retention and the maintenance of the department are what he is pleased to call "faddists." Well, gentlemen, if because a man sees fit to make a study of municipal affairs in this branch or that branch he becomes a faddist, it seems to me there is no great opprobrium or disgrace attached to that name. He goes on to argue that only faddists, and not the people in general, are interested in the retention of this department, and cites the fact that Dr. Hartwell stated, in answer to his question, that he had received not more than 200 requests for these publications. And yet Dr. Hartwell has told me personally that he made a mistake and has evidently taken the trouble to write to the alderman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Bromberg) correcting the statement which he made at the time he appeared before the Committee on Public Improvements, stating that the figure he should have given in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Ald. Curley) was 700. The gentleman from Wd. 17 replies that no statistician should make a mistake, but statisticians are human, like all of us. We all make mistakes once in a while—and especially was it excusable when the answer was made under the searching cross-examination of the gentleman from Wd. 17.

Gentleman, it has also been argued that, if this board of statistics was doing the work it should be doing, there would be no need of employing Mr. Chase to examine into the different departments of the city, and yet the gentleman from Wd. 17, in making that statement, admits that Mr. Chase cost the city of Boston \$25 a day. In other words, if he worked 360 days in the year Mr. Chase would cost just about what the whole board of statistics costs. Mr. Chase, as an individual, would cost

about \$9000 a year, while this whole department, gentlemen, costs only \$10,000 a year!

I said when I started in, and I now maintain, that this Board of statistics is doing a valuable and effective work. It is compiling and collecting together facts from this department and that department, which as has been well said by the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Bromberg) can be found in no other document. You may go to the Public Library and search where you will, but, unless by chance you run across one of the documents of the Municipal Board of Statistics, you will not find what you want. You will not find it in any other place except in the comparative tables that have been compiled by our Board of Statistics. The department is modeled after those of the European cities, and our department in turn has been copied by New York, by Baltimore and Chicago, and I understand that in the near future Providence and San Francisco are to establish similar institutions. They are doing a good work, Mr. Chairman. They are offering great assistance to the man who would find out what the expenditures of any department for this particular year are as compared with the same department last year or the year before. Their figures are valuable in tracing loans for permanent improvements. Within the covers of their books you can trace a loan from beginning to end, without resorting to the different department books, to plans, or to the minutes of the City Council. If there have been delays in the publication of these documents, it is only what happens in every department of the City of Boston once in a while; and I say that, for that reason, we should not think of abolishing a department which has already proved itself to be of valuable assistance not only to the members of the City Council of Boston, not only to the heads of departments of the city, but the whole public, whenever they see fit to investigate any particular loan, any particular matters of finance, or the maintenance of any department.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, in discussing this matter it seems to me that personalities of all kinds should be thrown one side. I simply want to look at it as a business proposition, and am willing that it shall rise or fall on the grounds which I shall present as a business proposition. The department was organized in 1897, at the request of Mayor Quincy, a man who had traveled on the Continent and who by observation and experience had seen the need of such a department. Soon after his recommendation the department was created. In the following year the City Record was added to its publications and was continued for a year or two, but at the request of Mayor Hart was discontinued.

Now, what are the advantages of this statistics department? It gives, in a proper, business form, the details necessary to obtain in connection with any business, the data necessary for such a corporation as we have in the city of Boston. This is one of the largest municipal corporations in the entire country, the largest corporation in the state, with its 600,000 citizens, its 90,000 school children, its hundreds of millions of property. Such a corporation must be carried along in a way that will ensure success. We see on every hand that any business concern, any corporation or copartnership, to succeed must be carried along on business principles; and it has ever been the desire of the statistics department to show, in proper form, the details necessary to a successful administration.

In regard to the charge made that there are delays, it was only last Friday I asked for information from that department, and it was furnished in one day. Gentlemen, I think that is sufficient answer to the accusations of delay. I have always received information from the department when I had occasion to ask for it. That

department furnishes information which can be acquired in no other way. It goes into the details of construction, goes into the history of the matters it deals with and covers from year to year the entire cost of any public building or any work of the city of Boston. I certainly hope, Mr. Chairman, that the ordinance under which the department is maintained will not be repealed.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, since the alderman from Wd. 17 (Ald. Curley) saw fit to mention just a few of the names attached to that communication which he has referred to, quoting from the City Council minutes of 1902, let me, if you please, refer to some of the other names in that list appended to the communication submitted by the Mayor at that time to the City Council. The list is as follows:

Thomas J. Gargan, William P. Fowler, George W. Anderson, Frank A. Allen, Nathan Haskell Dole, Hartley Dennett, George E. McNeill, Albert E. Pillsbury, Frank Winthrop Draper, Samuel H. Durgin, William T. Sedgwick, Henry S. Pritchett, Jerome Jones, James Richard Carter, Robert A. Boit, Edwin D. Mead, E. H. Clement, Samuel B. Capen, Louis D. Brandeis, Edward A. Filene, Robert Treat Paine, Frederick B. Allen, Winthrop L. Marvin, Milan C. Ayres, Robert A. Woods, Francis A. Balch.

There is an array of names representing leading citizens from various walks of life in the City of Boston, from the labor leader to the leaders of the bar, from the head of one of our largest seats of learning to men in other prominent position in various vocations. And yet the gentleman saw fit to mention only one or two of the names. I will not read the balance of the petition, as it appears on the records of the City Council.

The fact is that, in spite of what the gentleman from Wd. 17 has said, this department is continually compiling and publishing figures which cannot be obtained elsewhere. As one instance, on this very day, which is the fiftieth anniversary of our library in the City of Boston, I will mention the fact that material and figures have been prepared in regard to the history and the details of construction of our public library building. I will just quote a few lines, as follows:—

"The appropriations relating to the construction of the Public Library Building in Copley Sq. originated in 1883 and have not yet been closed. The history of the work down to January 31, 1898, is given in Special Publications No. 6, p. 118, and will be continued in Chapter IX, of Special Publications No. 11 (in press). In 1880 the Legislature gave to the City of Boston 33,000 square feet of land on the corner of Dartmouth and Boylston Sts. Additional land on St. James Ave. (now Blagden St.) was subsequently taken by authority of Acts of 1882, Chapter 143, at a cost of \$203,925."

And so it goes, giving at length all the facts and figures. This article, substantially, has been printed in almost every daily paper in the City of Boston today or yesterday. This information could not have been obtained by the various newspapers, the representatives of which sit over there in the corner, had it not been for the fact that the Statistics Department had prepared in detail the minutest information concerning the library building, as it has done in regard to other matters. Mr. Chairman. For example, take the various schoolhouses in this city. They have given us information as to when the land was taken for the schoolhouses, the number of square feet in the land, the assessed valuation, the price paid by the city, and the cost per foot, who the architect was and every detail in connection with the buildings. They have, for instance, gone into the building contracts, the heating and ventilating, the plumbing, the printing, advertising and plans. In other words, they have given not a mere esti-

mate of the cost of a school building or of any other public building, but every possible detail in connection with it, as in connection with everything which forms a part of the history of our great and beloved City of Boston. Why, as is stated in the report of the National League of Statistics, notwithstanding what Ald. Curley has asserted, there is no city in the world that has done such good work in this line as Boston. He claims that the statistics department of New York is self-supporting. It is not self-supporting, by a good deal. The annual income of the department in New York is not over \$700, yet the department costs the city of New York in the neighborhood of \$20,000, and it is not maintained with any such degree of efficiency as the Boston Department. The report of the meeting of the Association last year, which I have referred to, shows that Boston leads every city in the world in its Statistics Department. It is not equalled by the department of any city in the universe—and yet the gentleman from Wd. 17 wants, with one fell swoop, to wipe out that department, apparently for no other reason, as far as I have been able to see—and I think I echo the sentiments of almost every member of the board in saying this—that the gentleman has a personal feeling against Mr. Minot, who is chairman of the department. Because the gentleman has such a personal grievance, for some reason best known to himself, against Mr. Minot, he desires to wipe the Statistics Department off the face of the earth. If Ald. Curley wants to get at Mr. Minot for some reason I think he ought to do it in some other way than by trying to abolish the department, which I think has proven itself to be a necessity, an extremely valuable department to the taxpayers and to the members of the City Government, an educational department for those who are elected to come here and represent the people, through which they can obtain in a convenient form the information which is really necessary to them in connection with the work of the city. I earnestly hope the board will go on record today, as it did two years ago, as in favor of maintaining, and not abolishing, that department.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, it is rather amusing to me to hear the gentleman on my right lay so much stress on the fact that there were twenty-six persons who signed the petition for the retention of the Statistics Department, and that they were some of our leading men. In reply to the gentleman I want to say this, that over one hundred of our leading citizens not only signed their names but contributed large sums of money to vilify and abuse the members of the City Council in 1903, and, in addition, to provide a good, soft berth for one of the worst hypocrites and liars that the City of Boston has ever produced, in the person of Edmund Billings.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is indulging in personal abuse of a citizen of Boston.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is out of order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that it is not personal abuse. It is an honest statement of fact. I say that these men contributed money for a fund to vilify and to abuse members of this City Council of 1904, and, in addition, to provide a good, soft berth for a hypocrite and a liar, in the person of Edmund Billings.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, again.

The CHAIRMAN—Ald. Curley has the floor.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order, again, that the gentleman is using vilifying language towards a citizen of Boston, language that is entirely uncalled for, and I think it is an abuse of the privilege of this body for him to do so.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman is entirely out of order. His point of order is not well taken.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, on Feb. 1, 1903, the Boston Herald published the report of a meeting that was held, of the Boston Life Underwriters Association, the heading of which is as follows:—

‘Two faced as to Honor. Aldermen a Queer Mingling, says Edmund Billings, of Personal Honesty and Political Shame. He Would Trust Overcoats to Them, but Not City's Interests, for Fear of Grafting, Curley's Employment Bureau and Others Who Bail.’

The report says, among other things:—

‘Edmund Billings, secretary of the Good Government Association, speaking at the dinner of the Boston Life Underwriters' Association at the Brunswick, last evening, declared that, while he would be willing to hang up his overcoat in the Aldermanic Chamber with money in the pockets, there are several members of the Board of Aldermen whom he would not trust to execute a city contract. ‘They have two standards of honor,’ he said, ‘a personal and a public standard, and the personal standard is much higher than the public standard’. Mr. Billings, while admitting that the business of liquor selling is a legitimate one, if conducted according to law, declared that the percentage of liquor dealers on the Board of Aldermen is too large. He mentioned Ald. Curley and Doyle as conspicuous examples of the kind of politicians the Good Government Association is endeavoring to oust from the city's government, where he believes there is ‘rank, petty grafting, lack of character and ability’.

In proof of my statement that Mr. Billings is a liar and a hypocrite, I quote this section of his own speech before the Life Underwriters:—

‘Take this man Curley. When I went to interview him before election, I found him at his Wd. 17 Tammany Club, conducting a well-organized employment bureau. He was busy writing letters to get his constituents employment. This is one of his sources of power.’

I want to say to that man that he is a liar and a hypocrite, that he never crossed the threshold of the Wd. 17 Tammany Club. I want to say, in addition, that I received three communications from this so-called Good Government Association, asking that I give a brief outline of my life's history. I wrote back to them that I was accustomed to carrying on business of a political nature at our political headquarters, that if they desired to interview me they could see me any evening, between 8 and 11 o'clock at the Wd. 17 Tammany Club, 72 Hampden St.; and Mr. Palfrey, one of the men connected with the Good Government Association, and not Mr. Billings, called there and got the statement. I have been at those headquarters every night for the last three years, and Mr. Billings never crossed the threshold of that club during that time.

When Mr. Billings says he called there and found a well-organized employment bureau, I say he is a liar and a hypocrite. In regard to these 26 men signing the statement in favor of the retention of the statistics department, I want to say to you, sir, that not only 26, but upwards of 100 men, not only signed but gave contributions, to enable such a man as Edmund Billings, a liar and a hypocrite, to be provided with a good, soft berth, at a salary of \$4000 a year. Mr. Laurence Minot heads the list, with \$500, and Mr. Laurence Minot closes the list, with a loan of \$5000. What was Mr. Laurence Minot's object in trying to secure the political control of the City of Boston under the guise of the Good Government Association? We have only to judge the man's object by his past actions, and if his actions in the case where

the Supreme Court ruled against the attitude of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, of which he was a member in 1889, is any criterion by which to judge, it is not one that will reflect credit upon Mr. Laurence Minot.

As regards the other men who contributed, C. E. Cotting gave \$250, James J. Storrow, \$100, Jerome Jones \$100, John C. Haynes \$100, George E. Bullard \$50, C. S. Houghton \$100, Robert A. Boit \$100, T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., \$100, Robert Winsor \$100, E. A. Filene \$50, Henry L. Higginson \$100, R. H. Gardiner of Gardiner, Me., \$50—probably there will be a few more appointments of school teachers from Gardiner, Me., next year, if the Good Government Association should be successful; Edwin F. Atkins \$100, Sherman L. Whipple \$50, Stephen Bullard \$50, George Wigglesworth \$100, John D. Williams \$10—and so the list goes, Mr. Chairman. There are not twenty-six, which was the number that signed for the retention of the Statistics Department, but there are upwards of one hundred names, contributing in all the sum of \$12,184.47. And after this sum of money was collected, what use was made of it? We will see.

These are payments by the Good Government Association: June 30, 1903, salary, Edmund Billings, \$333.33; July 7, stenographer's services, \$6.80; July 7, desk and office furnishings, \$90.50; July 7, Edison Electric Light Co., \$4.27; August 3, salary of Edmund Billings, \$333.33; Hammond typewriter, \$85.00; office furniture, again, \$30—Edmund Billings evidently takes some pleasure in purchasing office furniture; typewriter supplies, \$1.35; advertising, Herald, seventy-five cents; stationery, \$8.25; Sept. 1, A. T. Bliss & Co., printing, \$7; stationery, Samuel Ward Co., \$23.30; Sept. 1, salary of Edmund Billings, again, \$333.33—he never gets beyond the first of the month. (Laughter.) And so it goes on until January 8, 1904, when Edmund Billings was once more paid a salary of \$333.33.

What was this money used for? This money was used to vilify and traduce men who sat in the City Council of 1903. Were these men connected with the Good Government Association honest in their business of slandering men who sat here in 1903? I believe that their wavering action toward the gentleman on my right can best attest as to their honesty. As regards abusing members of the Board of Aldermen for their attitude on the purchase of the Holbrook estate, I have this to say—that while I was a member of the City Council in 1900, I voted against the purchase of the Holbrook estate; and I said to Mr. Palfrey, the young man who came there from the Good Government Association: ‘Since you are abusing the other men for voting in favor of that proposition, I trust that you will be honest enough to give me credit for voting against it while I was a member of the City Council of 1900.’ Did Mr. Palfrey do that? Oh, no. They were not in the business for that purpose. I do not blame the gentlemen who stood here this afternoon and defended the Statistics Department. I have no feeling against any one of them for the attitude they have taken upon this question. I am satisfied that, in a measure, they are obliged to take that attitude, because of the support that they received from the Good Government Association in the campaign of last year. (Laughter.) As to the circulation of the Statistics Department municipal bulletin, I have only this to say, that a department with an expenditure of \$10,000 at its command annually, and which is backed up by the so-called Good Government men, that cannot increase the demand for its products in seven years above 700 copies is a department which should not exist, looked at from the standpoint of the best interests of the city.

As regards Mr. Chase being an additional expense to the city, I want to say this—

that the employment of Mr. Chase to go over the accounts of the different departments—to investigate the Bath Department, for instance—is an argument in favor of the abolition of this department of statistics. Mr. Chase was employed to work about twenty days, and he received a salary of \$25 a day, or a total of about \$500. I say that if we had no statistic department we could afford to hire Mr. Chase for perhaps two months, and pay him \$25 a day, and thereby save money for the citizens of Boston. As to the New York Statistics Department being self-supporting, I made no such statement. I said that the New York Statistics Department charged 25 cents a copy for the annual publication in the City Record, and I said that showed that they were in a measure self-supporting. As to personalities, regarding the men who are directly connected with the statistics department, I have not been personal in criticising any one of them. A plain, simple statement of the truth is never a personality. As regards the retention of this department, and as regards it being a fad, I will say to the gentleman on my right that the greatest faddist that ever sat in the chair of the Mayor of the City of Boston was the Hon. Josiah Quincy, and some of his fads have left a curse upon the city. The repair division, established by Josiah Quincy, and later abolished, threw hundreds of men out of employment, and placed them on their own resources at a time when they had practically no opportunity of obtaining work. The Music Department, the Bath Department, and other fancies of his, have left the city in such a financial condition that the Honorable Patrick A. Collins may well hesitate before he signs his name to any bill looking to the betterment of our streets, looking to the betterment of our public buildings, or having in mind any purpose which involves the expenditure of money. I called to see the Mayor within a week in relation to a much-needed and very necessary improvement in my district—an improvement so plainly necessary that the Committee on Cities of our Legislature had recommended it, although that committee had been asked by the Honorable John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts, not to report any bills for street widenings this year, in order that the Democrats of the City of Boston would not be in a position where they could during the coming year criticise his action and that of the Legislature, in foisting an expenditure upon the City of Boston. In the face of his open statement that he did not want any opportunity given to the Democrats to make that argument, the Committee on Cities reported a bill for the widening of Hampden St., the cost to be paid out of a 20-year loan. We called to see His Honor the Mayor in reference to that proposition. What was the answer he gave us? He told us that these unnecessary branches of the city government, together with other costly expenditures which the city had made in the past, were responsible for the financial condition of our city that prevails at the present time, where the city is paying interest on interest on loans. That is a condition which should not exist, and a condition, that, in my opinion, would not exist if less fads had been indulged in by men who have been at the head of affairs in our city in the past. Now, Mr. Chairman, there has not been one solitary bit of argument as to why this department should be maintained. In my opinion, the only argument that can be advanced is that Dr. Hartwell is a genial old gentleman. I admit that. He is as fine a type of man as I ever saw in my life—but that is no good argument why we should maintain this department. It is also said that the employees are all residents of Boston. What of it? They are drawing sal-

aries from the City of Boston. Is the mere fact that they are residents of the city any reason why they should be maintained? I say, Mr. Chairman, that unless some good, sensible, reasonable argument can be adduced for the retention of this department, it should be abolished.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I did not expect to say anything here this afternoon, but it seems to me that, after the statement made by the Alderman on my right, it is absolutely unnecessary to call the attention of the members of the Board to the fact that it is not the Department of Statistics that is called in question, but that it is one of the trustees, together with an association known as the Good Government Association. The Alderman on my right has simply claimed that a lot of faddists are in favor of sustaining the Statistics Department. Let me say to you, members of the Board of Aldermen, that there are many thousands of so-called "faddists" who are workmen in the City of Boston, who desire this information, but have not the time to dig into these matters themselves. Those men desire to find out how the City Government is run—how the money is spent. The Alderman has said that you can go to any of the departments and get it. Who can go to any of the departments and get it? An Alderman of this city cannot go to any of the departments and get it—because yours truly was refused two weeks ago such information by a head of a department of this city; and the head of that department has failed to speak to him since, because he dared to ask for some statistics which are in that department. I was told that it would take two months to dig it out, and the head of the department got mad because I suggested that he employ more help, and that I would furnish them for him, if necessary. The Alderman has told the whole story when he starts in to attack an organization of men who dared to get out and criticise the members of this City Council. Who are the members of the City Government that they should not be criticised? Has not each and every citizen a right to criticise my official acts, while I am here? Is not this a government of the people? Have not the people a right to say whether or not I should come back to this Board of Aldermen, in their judgment? And because some of them have dared to say that one of the Aldermen of this Board, in their judgment, should not come back, then an entire department must be abolished! Let me say this to you, that the man who says, on the strength of a newspaper report, that Edmund Billings, a personal friend of mine, is a liar and a scoundrel, has not any right to a seat in the Board of Aldermen! Let me say that a member of the Board of Aldermen who so far forgets himself as to use the language that has been used by the gentleman on my right (Ald. Curley) on the strength of a mere newspaper report, is not fit to sit in the Board of Aldermen. I want to call your attention to the fact that the Alderman simply read to us a newspaper report quoting Edmund Billings, secretary of the Good Government Association. Let me call the attention of the members of this Board of Aldermen to the fact that only a short while ago the President of Harvard College was quoted as making a speech in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., which every newspaper in Boston printed, and which that gentleman denied in toto. And still, a member of this dignified, august body, dares to call a man a liar, if you please, and some other word which was too much for yours truly—a "hypocrite." I believe, simply on the strength of a mere newspaper report. Let me say this to you, that a man who will take thereon any such statement as that made by the Alderman on my right, is very lacking in discretion. He gives as one of the reasons

for the abolition of the Department of Statistics the fact that Edmund Billings, the secretary of the Good Government Association, on the first day of each month receives a salary of three hundred and some dollars—and he puts quotation marks, if you please, around the fact that “he never lets the first of the month get by.” I wonder if I were to consult the City Treasurer's records, whether or not I would find that Ald. Kneeland ever let the first of the month get by; or whether I would find that the Alderman who quotes the gentleman in question, ever lets the first of the month get by?

I want to say to you members of this Board that I have known Edmund Billings for twelve years. I have known him as the secretary of the Wells Memorial Institute, where most of the labor organizations have their headquarters, and I want to say to you that, in my judgment, no fairer, no better, no more honest man ever stood in Boston than Mr. Edmund Billings. I want to say, in answer to the gentleman's charge that those who have been endorsed by the Good Government Association feel obliged to stand by that association, that I never asked the Good Government Association for their endorsement. I never sought it. I do not care whether or not I ever get it again. I shall vote as my conscience dictates at all times, and if the Good Government Association or any other association does not desire to endorse my candidacy, in case I should wish to come back to this Board next year, they have my permission not to endorse me. I want to say very frankly that the alderman on my right, notwithstanding his statement to the contrary, has produced the evidence to this Board that this is a personal fight between him and one member of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Statistics. He says that these men have subscribed certain amounts of money to defeat certain members of this Board. Well, the mere fact of these men subscribing a certain amount of money to either elect or defeat members of this Board of Aldermen amounts to nothing. It is what is done every year. Every man who ever came to the Board of Aldermen either had somebody subscribe for his election or against his election. There is not a member of the Board of Aldermen today who did not, through one means or another, have subscriptions of some description donated either for or against his candidacy. But because these men have dared to assail my friend, the alderman on my right (Ald. Curley), that alderman gets up here in this Board and, while claiming to say that he is offering an ordinance to abolish the Department of Statistics, he gets after Mr. Laurence Minot and Mr. Edmund Billings. I want to say to the members of this Board that I have only had the honor of greeting Mr. Minot once. I believed then that he was a gentleman—and I believe now that he is a gentleman. If that alderman and the other gentlemen want to have Mr. Billings thrown out of office, the thing for them to do is to attack Mr. Minot for his acts as chairman of that Association, and not make an attack upon this department or attempt to abolish the department in its entirety. The alderman on my right says that if the Statistics Department would issue a bulletin with the names and addresses of all the city employees in it, he believes there would be a reason for its being in existence. Let me say to you members of the Board of Aldermen that if you will vote against this ordinance today, I promise you that I will offer an order in this board providing that not only the names and addresses and amounts paid to all city employees, but also the names and addresses of all contractors who are doing work for the City of Boston, shall be published monthly. That takes the whole underpinning away from the argument of our friend on my right. I will offer that order—but I don't believe it will get by. I do not believe that the alder-

man was sincere when he made that statement; but I am in favor of what he proposes. Let us give to the public the names and addresses of the city employees, the amount of money received by each, the kind of work done by each employee, what department he works for, how many days he works in that department, and other similar information; and let us also add how much John Smith gets for building a street, how much he gets for grading the curbs, and how much he gets for digging a sewer. Let us give that to the public. Let us put the department on a basis where, even in the alderman's own estimation, it will be of some benefit to the public. Let us see if the members of the Board of Aldermen who are ready to vote for the proposed abolition of the department, will dare to vote in favor of doing that which the alderman desires us to do. I believe the department would publish this matter for us if we authorized them to do so and furnished them the money for them to do it with. I believe, with the alderman on my right, that we should have that matter in print, so that I or any other person could find out how many men in my ward are working for the city, what department they are working for, and so that any person could find out—Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield for a question?

The CHAIRMAN—Does the gentleman yield?

Ald. KNEELAND—If I do not thereby lose the floor.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—I would like to ask the gentleman if he does not consider that, if the Statistics Department were conducted in a proper manner now, all that information which the gentleman has referred to, and which he thinks ought to be furnished to the public, would be published at the present time through the Statistics Department, if they were doing their duty?

Ald. KNEELAND—No, I do not believe the Statistics Department has the right to publish that matter at present. I am not a lawyer, brother, but my humble judgment is that the Statistics Department has not the right to publish that matter, unless we direct them to do so. But I believe that we have the right to tell them that they shall publish it, and I say to you to vote against the proposed abolition of the Statistics Department, and let us see whether or not the members of the Board will agree with the alderman on my right and myself in asking that that information be made public. I want to say this, that it is all right to fight a board on its merits, but it is all wrong to fight a man, or certain men, by fighting a department. It is not fair to bring a personal matter into this City Government, and to try to reach a certain individual by attacking the department in which he is interested. I want to say so far as Josiah Quincy being a faddist is concerned, that I only wish to God we had more faddists of his stamp in the City of Boston and in the State of Massachusetts—yes, and in the United States. The alderman on my right has referred to the number of men who were thrown upon the street by the abolition of the different departments established by Ex-Mayor Quincy, to do work which he had placed under the municipal control. Let me say to the gentleman that I am perhaps as well versed in reference to the men who were employed in those departments as any member of this board, and I want to say to you that if those departments were run as it was intended by Mr. Quincy when he was mayor that they should be run, they would be on a paying basis—and they were on a paying basis when abolished, notwithstanding the statement of the gentleman who said they were not.

Let me say, by way of illustration, that only here last month it appeared upon the records of the City Government that

it was costing us \$25,000 to run a certain municipal department. It appeared upon the surface that that department would have to have \$25,000 above its income to run it during the year. But when the Superintendent of that department was called before the Committee on Appropriations, he proved to the committee that not only was the department upon a paying basis, but that it was paying a percentage upon the money invested—and still it appears upon the records that \$25,000 above the income of the department was necessary to run the Printing Department during the present financial year. The same thing held good in reference to the other departments established by Mayor Quincy. Let me say to you gentlemen that fads are all right, so long as they do not interfere with the city's best interests. It may have been a fad to have a municipal printing plant; but it has been proved that it is a fad which is a benefit to the citizens of Boston. It may be a fad to run a Department of Statistics; but it has been proved conclusively to every citizen of Boston who desires to be fair, that the Statistics Department is a good investment. It cost us \$10,000 this year to run that department. The alderman on my right says that it might have been put to better use. Well, let us see. A combination of men known in the City of Boston as Metal Trades Mechanics' Union desired to know how many unfair firms the City of Boston were patronizing in their particular line. They came down here, as citizens of Boston, to get that information. They failed to get it. They came to see Ald. Kneeland, thinking that he might be able to get it. He went to the department where it should have been on file, and where it is on file. He could not get it; and he was told very frankly that it was there, but that he could not have it.

Now, if the Statistics Department had caught up with its work, if they were not, as has been said by the alderman, five months behind, we should simply have had to file up to that department and get the information which we very, very much desired. The gentleman says that the department gets out 200 copies of its bulletin. The alderman on my right (Ald. Bromberg) desires to amend by saying that they publish 700 copies. It does not make any material difference whether they publish 200 copies or 700 copies, or whether they only publish 25 copies. If the information is there on file and I can get it, then it is worth the money invested. The gentleman says you can get these things in the other departments. I don't know of any other department where you can get information as to the cost of a schoolhouse, for instance. I was very much interested in wanting to find out the cost of a schoolhouse. I went looking for the information in several places, and finally strolled into the department of statistics. I found there all the information I desired—got it in plain black and white. I found that the land for the new schoolhouse at the corner of South and Hewlett Sts., Roslindale, was taken in 1895; that the land purchased for that purpose consisted of two lots; that the lot at the corner of South and Hewlett Sts. contained 12,818 square feet; that the lot on South St. contained 8861 square feet, making a total of 21,679 square feet in that schoolhouse lot. As to the cost, I found that the lot at the corner of South and Hewlett Sts. was assessed for \$3,000, and that the lot on South St. was assessed for \$1800, making a total of \$5000; and that the price paid by the city for the lot on South and Hewlett Sts., assessed for \$3200, was \$4700, and that for the lot on South St., assessed for \$1800, \$3588 was paid, making a total of \$8,288 paid for land which was assessed for \$5000. I found, also, that the building was begun in March, 1896, and was com-

pleted in 1897; that it is a three-story brick structure, containing ten rooms and a hall. And I found that the cost of the structure was as follows: Land, \$8288.10; grading, \$6266.20; building, \$72,580.61; furnishing, \$10,645.62; making a total cost of \$97,780.53.

I found, also, that they had analyzed the cost of the building itself in detail, under the following heads: Architect, \$1422.90; building contract, \$55,740.84; heating and ventilating, \$7854.32; plumbing, \$5251.06; printing, advertising and plans, \$311.49, making a total of \$72,580.61. I found, also, that in 1902 the Schoolhouse Commission decided to build an addition, and that they took for that purpose 823 square feet of land at the corner of South and Harquar Sts., and that architects were selected to draw plans, but that no expenditures on account of this extension had been made up to January 31, 1903. Now, there in detail is the complete cost of a schoolhouse, given you by this department—a department which the Alderman on my right says is of no value. Now, I want to say to you, in conclusion, that I do not believe it is fair, that I do not believe it is just, for any member of this Board of Aldermen to use the language against any man that has been used by the Alderman on my right this afternoon in reference to Mr. Edmund Billings, who, I assure you, is a good, honest, conscientious young man, a man who will do what he believes is right—and I believe, and you believe, that he has a right to do and say anything which he thinks is for the best interests of the citizens of this city of ours. I do not believe it is fair for a member of this Board to question here in the Board of Aldermen the methods and purposes of a man, simply because that man has come out publicly and questioned the right of that member to sit in this Board. I believe that that gentleman, or any other gentleman who does not agree with me in my official acts during the ensuing year, has a perfect right to use his voice and any printed matter for which he is willing to pay to tell the citizens of Boston why I should not come back to this Board next year.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in reply to the delightfully sterile argument offered by the gentleman on my left (Ald. Kneeland), I have only this to say—that, as it was unproductive of real facts as to why this department should be maintained, and as it was in reality an argument in favor of my motion, I accept it as such.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance, and it was declared passed. Ald. KNEELAND doubted the vote and asked for a rollcall and the ordinance was passed—yeas 8, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, Slattery—5.

Ald. CURLEY moved to reconsider; lost. Sent down.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petition of Jacob J. Fewes (referred February 8), for compensation for damage to premises 32 Causeway St. caused by overflow of sewage—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, he having brought suit against the city.

Accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on petition of Gaetano Galeano, et als. (referred March 28), for compensation for damage to property on East Sixth St., caused by change of grade of said street—recommending reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Report accepted; said reference ordered. Sent down.

LICENSESES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 13 newsboys, 7 boot-blacks and 2 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Mary J. Hussey (referred today), for license for a garden party at 79 Lawrence Ave., Wd. 29, on the evening of June 15th—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of George W. Magee, Manager (referred today), for a permit for Joseph and Phillip McCarthy, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for one week beginning May 2—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of Ringling Bros. Circus (referred Jan. 11), for license to exhibit a circus and menagerie on grounds on Huntington Ave., near Ruggles St., for six days beginning May 1, 1904—that a license be granted for one week beginning May 23, 1904.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

PROTECTION OF SIGNS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

Report on the petition of the Charlestown Carnival Association (referred today), for leave to project a cloth sign at No. 6 City Sq.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

SALE OF OILS.

Ald. HENNESSEY called up No. 7, special assignment, viz.:

7. Action on the petition of the Standard Oil Company of New York, which has been approved by the Fire Commissioner, for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in iron tanks, to be constructed for that purpose on land at 244 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Baldwin.

BETTER CAR SERVICE, BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to furnish more frequent car service on the Blue Hill Ave. line running to and from the Elevated terminal at Dudley St.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 5:25 P.M., on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 7:01 P.M.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on message of Mayor (referred April 25), appointing James Donovan as Superintendent of Streets—that the same be returned to the Board for its action.

The report was accepted and the question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Whelton and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yes 13, and the appointment was confirmed.

(2) Reports on messages of the Mayor (referred today), appointing Charles C. Jackson as Sinking Fund Commissioner and Charles W. Friend, Herbert W. Scott and Alexander A. Telford as weighers of coal—that the same be returned to the Board for its action.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Curley. Whole number of ballots cast 13, yes 13, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

(3) Report on order (referred today), appropriating a sum sufficient for transportation and target practice for M. V. M. stationed in Boston—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on message of Mayor (referred Jan. 25), relative to reorganization of the Law Department—that the same be amended by striking out in section 4 the word "May" and inserting in place thereof the word "July."

Report accepted; ordinance passed as amended, yeas 11, nays 2, Ald. Bromberg and Whelton voting nay.

Sent down.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree on sidewalk in front of building 85 Meridian St., East Boston; the expense of said work to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees in front of 512 Sixth St., Wd. 14; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

PERMIT FOR CIRCUS AND PARADES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered the following:—

Ordered, That a license be granted to Forepaugh & Sells Bros. to exhibit a circus on a vacant lot on Huntington Ave., near Ruggles St., for one week beginning May 16, 1903.

Passed.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Adam Forepaugh and Sells Bros. for a circus parade on May 16, 1904, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose.

Passed.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Ringling Bros. for a circus parade on May 23, 1904, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF BOLTON ST.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Bolton St., Wd. 13, between E and F Sts., put in proper condition for public travel.

Passed.

CLOSING OF NORWAY ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Norway St., between Massachusetts Ave. and Hemenway St., Wd. 10, for thirty days, or during the time necessary for the completion of sewer improvements at said point.

Passed.

CROSSING ON WABENO ST.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a block-stone or flagging crossing on Wabeno St., at the corner of No. 39 Wabon St., Wd. 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division. Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 7:11 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, to meet on Monday, May 9, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, May 5, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

ROGERS AVENUE, WD. 19.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
April 21, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in answer to your orders requesting information in reference to the laying-out and construction of Rogers Ave., Wd. 19.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston,

Street Commissioners' Office, City Hall,
April 21, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Dear Sir: The order of the Common Council of the 14th inst. requesting information as to what disposition was made of the order of the Common Council of 1903 relative to the laying out of Rogers Ave., from Huntington Ave. to Ruggles St., Wd. 19, has received the consideration of this Board. In reply thereto the Board begs to say that no definite disposition was made of the order.

The question of the laying out and construction of Rogers Ave. has received much attention from this Board in recent years, as the requests for its improvement have been many. To lay out this avenue as a public highway would be an expensive undertaking because of the fact that before it could be done the Stony Brook Conduit, which passes under it, would have to be rebuilt. The Conduit is old, and it is not sufficiently strong to permit of the passage over it of heavy vehicles. To rebuild the Conduit would involve an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, and the Board understands that there is a bill now before the Legislature to provide the money.

There is also another order from the Common Council of the 14th inst. requesting an estimate of the cost of laying out Rogers avenue. In reply to this order the Board has to say that, aside from what it would cost to rebuild the Conduit, about \$62,000.00 would be needed for the avenue itself. Of this amount \$35,000.00, it is estimated would be required for land and grade damages and about \$27,000.00 for construction.

In view of these conditions and the fact that this Board has no money available for new work, it cannot hold out any hope for the laying out of this avenue in the immediate future.

Very respectfully,
Salem D. Charles, Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXPENDITURES OF BRIDGE DIVISION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., April 21, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I enclose a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order of April 14, asking for information as to the reason for the increase in the number of draw-tenders and assistant draw-tenders and the consequent increase in the amount paid for their services.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,
Boston, Mass., April 21, 1904.

To the Mayor:

In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to forward duplicate of report of the Deputy Superintendent of the Bridge Division, relative to the number of draw-tenders and assistant draw-tenders in that division, and the salaries and wages paid for maintenance.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.
Street Department,
Bridge Division,
927 & 928 Tremont Building, Boston.

April 20, 1904.

Hon. James Donovan, Superintendent of Streets, Boston.

Dear Sir: In reply to Order of the Common Council introduced by Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11, same being request for information concerning the increase of expenditures for salaries in the Bridge Division during 1902 and 1903, I beg to submit the following statement:—

In answer to question No. 1: note copy of circular sent from Mayor's Office April 24, 1901, as follows:—

"To the Departments: Chapter 344, Acts of 1899, accepted by the people of Boston in the remarkable vote of 60,836 ayes to 14,483 nays, provides that 'Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, or who may hereafter be employed, by or on behalf of any City or Town in this Commonwealth.'"

"Departments are requested and required to comply with the letter and spirit of the law.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thomas N. Hart, Mayor."

Also, note the following extract from the letter of the Superintendent of Streets, Mr. B. T. Wheeler, dated May 17, 1901:—

"To the Deputy Superintendents, Street Department:—

"Some time since I sent you Mayor's Circular No. 19, regarding the eight-hour law. I wish to say with relation to it, that I desire all your employees to be placed upon this basis."

To comply with the above order required a change in the working hours of the draw-tenders and assistants, from a 12-hour day to an 8-hour day. This change necessitated the increase indicated in question No. 2 of Mr. Pierce's order, with a proportionate increase in expenditures indicated in question No. 1.

In reply to question No. 2, I desire to state that, under instructions of the Superintendent of Streets, dated May 17, 1901, as per extract quoted above, the draw-tending force was included under the 8-hour law, and the force of draw-tenders was steadily increased from that date, in order to create three watches of 8 hours each on each of the 13 bridges, until Jan. 23, 1902, when the present administration assumed charge, at which time the number employed was 108 draw-tenders and assistants.

The question then arose as to what was to be the maximum number of draw-tenders and assistants necessary to properly man and operate the bridges, and the Superintendent of Streets decided that the complement of draw-tenders should be 120 men, assigned as follows:—

Charlestown Bridge, 1 draw-tender, 2 first assistants and 9 assistants; each of the other 12 bridges to have 1 draw-tender, 2 first assistants and 6 assistants, making a total of 120 men, as stated above.

As to the difference in the number of opening for vessels passing through the draw-bridges during the years 1901 and 1903, would state that the reduction in the number can easily be accounted for by the great coal strike during the winter of 1902-3.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. P. Lomasney,
Deputy Superintendent.

Placed on file.

STREET CLEANING YARD, BRIGHTON

The following was received:

Mayors' Office,

Boston, Mass., Apr. 21, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order asking for an estimate of the cost of establishing Street-Cleaning District, Wd. 25. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, Mass., Apr. 21, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Common Council, I have the honor to forward duplicate of report of the Deputy Superintendent of the Street-Cleaning Division, relative to the estimated cost of establishing a Street-Cleaning Division district in Brighton, Wd. 25. Respectfully,

James Donovan, Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston, Street Department,

Street-Cleaning Division,

Boston, Mass., Apr. 21, 1904.

Hon. James Donovan, Superintendent, Street Department.

Dear Sir:—Replying to the order of Common Council requesting an estimate of the amount needed for the establishment of a Street-Cleaning District in Wd. 25 (Brighton), I desire to report that in my opinion, in order to establish and maintain a district of this division in this section of the city, it would cost \$10,000 per annum. Respectfully,

Joseph J. Norton, Deputy Superintendent.
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ILLEGAL MOVING OF BUILDING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., May 5, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Building Commissioner in answer to an order of your body, introduced under the supposition that a permit had been issued by that Department to move a wooden building at the corner of Belgrade Ave. and Rexhamc St., Wd. 23, to less than three feet of the adjoining lot.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Building Department, Old Court House,

Boston, May 5, 1904.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor:—

Dear Sir:—Replying to the Order of the Common Council, under date of April 14th, "That the Building Commissioner be requested to inform this body by what authority a building permit has been granted to move a wooden building at the corner of Belgrade Ave. and Rexhamc St., Wd. 23, to less than three feet of the adjoining lot" referred to you by this department for answer, permit me to state that no such permit has been issued at this office.

Yours respectfully,

James Mulcahy,
Building Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to an order of the City Council, relative to use of road around Wood Island Park by pleasure vehicles.

The Council voted on motion of Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1, that the communication be printed as a public document, and assigned for two weeks.

2. Mayor's message relative to reorganization of the Law Department, and recommending the passage of the following ordinance:—

An Ordinance to amend Chapters 2, 3 and 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the Law Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out, in the thirteenth line thereof, the words "The city solicitor."

Section 2. Section 5 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out, in the twenty-fourth line thereof, the words, "The city solicitor, seventy-five hundred dollars"; and by striking out in the thirty-first line thereof after the words "The corporation counsel," the words "seventy-five hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "nine thousand dollars."

Section 3. Chapter 23 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said chapter and substituting therefor the following:

Chapter 23.

Law Department.

"Sect. 1. The law department shall be under the charge of the corporation counsel, who shall furnish opinions on the law of any subject or question that may be submitted to him by the mayor, the board of aldermen or the common council, and on any subject or question relating to the discharge of their or his official duties that may be submitted to him by the school committee, by any committee of the city council, or of either branch thereof, or by four members of the board of aldermen, or by ten members of the common council, or by any officer in charge of a department of the city government; shall on application advise any officer or employee of the city on any question of law connected with the discharge of his official duties; shall, subject to the direction of the mayor, or of any standing committee of the city council having charge of matters before the general court of the Commonwealth, appear by himself or assistants as counsel for the city before the general court or before any committee thereof, when the interest or welfare of the city is directly or indirectly affected and may, in the care of matters before the legislature expend in any year a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses of the city council; shall annually prepare and lay before the city council at the beginning of the year a revision of the city ordinances, containing all ordinances in force on the first day of the year; shall annually prepare and lay before the board of aldermen at the beginning of the year a revision of the regulations of the board of aldermen, containing all regulations in force on the first day of the year; shall draft and approve the form of all written contracts; shall by himself or by the city conveyancers examine all titles to real property which the city is to acquire, and furnish without charge all deeds or other legal papers necessary for the transfer of property to or from the city, which the city is required by law, or has been accustomed, to so furnish, and shall audit all bills incurred by the department; shall, subject to the direction of the Mayor, institute any suit or proceeding in behalf of the city which he shall deem the interest of the city requires; shall by himself or by his assistants in the law department appear as counsel in all suits, actions, or prosecutions which may involve the rights or interests of the city, and defend the officers of the city in suits against them for their official actions, or for the performance of their official duties, or when any estate, right, privilege, interest, ordinance, act, or direction of the city is brought in question; may take such steps and incur such expenses, for the prosecution and defence of suits as he deems necessary, the same to be charged to the appropriation as he deems the proper one; shall examine into the settlement of a

claim when requested so to do by the mayor or the head of any department, and, if he deems such settlement advantageous to the city, shall approve the same; and may settle any suit against the city when the settlement is recommended by a vote of the committee on claims, approved by he mayor, provided such settlement can be effected for a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars.

"Sect. 2. No person connected with the law department shall, except as heretofore provided, appear in court in any case to which the city is not a party."

Sect. 4. These amendments shall take effect on and after the first day of (A) May, 1904.

Said ordinance comes down passed for concurrence with this amendment:

Strike out at (A) "May" and substitute therefor "July."

The communication was placed on file and the ordinance was read once.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule, so that the ordinance may go upon its passage at this time.

The question came on suspending the rule.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President and members of the Council, I trust that the rule will not be suspended. This is an important ordinance that comes before us here for the first time tonight. The other branch of this government has given it consideration, but in this body it comes at a time when the message of the mayor has long been forgotten by reason of delay. It comes up without that message of the mayor even being read, it takes two columns of our calendar here, and the members of the council have had only since this morning to look at it and have had no proper opportunity to compare it with the old ordinance and see how it differs from it. There is certainly no great public need of this being passed at once, except that possibly a few men may be waiting for jobs in the law department, because of that increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation, which the department is going to get or which it has got, and which is not going to be paid, as has been alleged. Nobody but such people are in any hurry for the passage of this ordinance. It seems to me that this body ought to consider its legislation itself, and not act because somebody else has told them how to act. If we are going to delegate our powers by accepting what another branch of the government originates and sends to us, then the excuse for the abolishment of the Council is manifest. It seems to me that no harm can come from letting this ordinance go over at least in the usual manner provided by the rule. There is no reason why the rules should be continuously suspended when important business is before this body. The rule against suspension was made because it was considered that when an important measure came into this council—and there have been few more important measures come in this year—it ought to lie over for mature consideration. Certainly no harm can come from letting this lie over, and I trust that the rule will not be suspended.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, my reasons for moving a suspension of the rules, or one of my reasons, is that this matter has been before the members of the City Government in some form or another for the past six or seven weeks. It has been exploited in the press and now the warm weather is coming on and I doubt if it will be as easy for us to get a quorum later on as it is tonight. I think every man in the Council has his mind made up as to how he is going to vote upon the matter, and laying it over for a week or two weeks will not, in my opinion, change anybody's vote. Mr. President, I trust that the council will suspend the rules so that the ordinance will be put upon its passage tonight.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24—Mr. President and fellow members of the Council, I quite agree with the previous speaker in what he has said. This matter has been exploited many times, both in the lobby and elsewhere, and I doubt if any member of the Council is unacquainted with the circumstances connected with it. The strongest part of the argument made by the gentleman who spoke before the last speaker was in connection with the \$10,000 appropriation which was made for furthering the scheme of somebody, to give certain jobs in this department. I would say that in 1891, chapter 323 of that year was passed, which related to streets and sewers in the suburban districts, and there was no district in the city which was more affected by that law than Dorchester.

But the other districts shared in the burden. In 1891 an act was passed by the legislature amending that law so as to say that those persons with property abutting streets and sewers which had been laid out recently shall pay for whatever benefit accruing to their estates. Among those who received benefits from these different streets and sewers, who used the streets and sewers as much as the other abutters, is the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. In 1901 Mr. Bailey went up before the legislature and asked that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and other railroads in this great City of Boston be exempted—

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The gentleman is not speaking to the question of suspending the rules.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. Mr. Higgins of Wd. 24 has the floor.

Mr. HIGGINS—Mr. President, in 1901 the Corporation Counsel of this city went before the legislature and asked that an amendment be passed to Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, exempting the different railroads of the City of Boston from paying for any benefits accruing to those railroads; and, gentlemen, today the City of Boston is not losing ten thousand dollars, but it is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars, because of the fact that these railroads are not taxed. When Mr. Bailey, the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston, was approached on the matter and asked why this great amount of money had been lost to the city, he did not have any valid excuse to offer, but denied that he was father of the bill and put it upon the Mayor of the City of Boston. I believe, gentleman, that at the present time there is not any head to the City of Boston law Department. There is not anybody there to take the responsibility. If any man is blamed for a measure of this sort going through the legislature, he is sent to the Mayor of the City of Boston. He says that he does not know anything about it. The City Solicitor does not know anything about it, and the Corporation Counsel of the City knows nothing about it. At the same time the city, as I said before, is not only losing ten thousand dollars, but is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Those who abut on the different streets and sewers have to pay that amount—and the people in the suburban districts are the people who must stand the additional expense. I say, Mr. President, that this matter is well understood by everybody in the Council here this evening, and there is not any reason why the rules should not be suspended and the matter go upon its passage.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10—Mr. President, this is, it seems to me, a very important matter, and should receive at least some consideration. It seems to me that the Committee on Ordinances and Law Department should first pass upon the ordinance, and let the Council have the bene-

fit of their report. For that reason, I hope that the rules will not be suspended.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, I hope that the rules will, in this instance, be suspended. I think I have said to the Council before that I thought the rules were suspended entirely too often.

I think that when we have absolutely new material come before us, and we are asked to suspend the rules, they should not be suspended; but in this instance we have had this before us a long time. I would like to remind my friend in this division from Wd. 10, that at the very first meeting of the Council of this year he asked—on a matter which could not have been thought over, or considered by this Council to any extent—a suspension of the rules, that that matter which he brought to the attention of the Council might go upon its passage. I may be misquoting him. I think not—although I hope that I am. At least, an attempt was made to suspend the rules, and I think he made the motion. I do not think, Mr. President, there is a member of this Council tonight but what knows, and knows absolutely, how he intends to vote upon this matter. I do not think that even my friend from Wd. 10 will really, when he comes down to hard pan, contend that there is a member of this Council who has not already made up his mind on the question of the consolidation of the law department—and also on the question of the abolition of the statistics department.

Mr. FERBER.—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. COOK.—With pleasure.

Mr. FERBER.—I would like to ask the gentleman what consideration he personally has given to this matter, and how much knowledge he has obtained upon it?

Mr. COOK.—Mr. President, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, I would like to state that I have not the honor of being a member of the bar, but I have consulted, as far as I could, with every lawyer of respectability and eminence of my acquaintance. I have talked this matter over with them, and have endeavored to make up my mind as fairly and squarely as possible. I think my mind is fully made up, and I do not think that this Council, or any member of it, will be able to shake it.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18.—Mr. President, I sincerely hope and trust that the rules will be suspended tonight. The members of the Council have fully made up their minds. The Mayor has gone over this matter carefully. He has given it considerable thought. The matter of reorganizing the Law Department has been upon his mind for a long time. He has given the matter a thorough investigation, and he has seen fit at this time to send this message to the City Council. The Board of Aldermen have threshed it out, and have decided that the Mayor has acted wisely in this matter, and I think that every member of this body has fully made up his mind tonight just how he is going to vote on this matter.

Mr. FERBER.—Mr. President, as a discussion of the main question has been entered upon in this question of suspending of the rules, I desire to say a word on this ordinance. This ordinance proposes a consolidation of two departments of the City of Boston—departments which are said to be anomalous, because they have "distinct, but somewhat interlacing powers." I believe that is the language of His Honor the Mayor.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, that although that gentleman prefaced his remarks with the statement that the main question has been discussed, and assumed that on the strength of that, he would be allowed to discuss the main question—although the gentleman has stated

that, the Chair will state that if the main question has been discussed, it has been discussed without the discovery of the Chair.

Mr. FERBER.—Mr. President, I raised the point of order when the gentleman in the third division was speaking.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair is willing to admit that the gentleman did raise the question that the gentleman in the third division had not confined himself to the question under discussion, and raised the point of order that the gentleman was discussing the main question; but the gentleman from Wd. 21 did not discuss the main question.

Mr. FERBER.—Mr. President, I tried to confine myself when I was speaking before to the question under discussion, and if the Chair will recognize me when the main question is put, I will be content to wait. For the present, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Law Department and Ordinances.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will rule that the motion is not in order at this time.

Mr. FERBER.—Mr. President, I respectfully refer the Chair to Rule 22 of the Rules and Orders of the Common Council, which says that "When a question is under debate the President shall receive any of the following motions, but no others: (1) To adjourn; (2) To lay on the table; (3) The previous question; (4) To close debate at a specified time; (5) To assign to a time certain; (6) To amend; (7) To refer to a committee."

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, that the main question is not under debate at this time, and that the Chair is allowed at all times to receive a motion for a suspension of the rules, which motion takes precedence over all other motions.

Mr. FERBER.—Will the Chair refer me to the Rule which so states? This says "The question under discussion." It does not say "The main question."

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state that Rule 27 provides that "Any member may move at any time for the suspension of any rule or rules."

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22.—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that a suspension of the rules will prevail. I think that from time to time certain matters have been referred to the Law Department, and because they have been referred to the City Solicitor or the Corporation Counsel, they have been juggled from one to the other. I think it is pretty near time that we had a head to that department. I think that to any department there should be a head, and that upon that head should rest the responsibility of that department. I trust that a suspension of the rules will prevail, and that there will be a head to that department.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3.—Mr. President, I hope that the rules will be suspended. The only reason I have ever known to be offered here for a refusal to suspend the rules, is the fact that somebody wanted a little information or light upon the subject before the Council. The member in the second division (Mr. Ferber) intimates that there are some members of the Council who would like a little more information and light upon this subject, but I fail to hear any of those members get up for themselves on the matter. I think it is fair to presume that the member from Wd. 10 himself has all the information necessary to consider his question and to vote upon it intelligently. I can see no reason for voting against a suspension of the rules, and it seems to me that it is a matter which ought to be settled as soon as possible. If a change is going to be made, the sooner it is made, the better. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope the rules will be suspended.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The question was put, and the main question was declared ordered.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I understand that motion for the previous question was upon the suspension of the rules, and not upon the main question?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request Mr. Warner to specify what he intended to move the previous question on.

Mr. FERBER—I ask for a ruling of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the question will come on the suspension of the rules. The Chair has already declared that the main question is ordered.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I desire to ask the Chair whether if the previous question prevails upon a suspension of the rules, the main question must not be taken up for a vote or not?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the previous question has been ordered on a suspension of the rules, and that when suspension of the rules prevails, if it does prevail, the question will come on giving the order a second reading, and will then come on the passage of the order.

Mr. FERBER—Well, will there be debate allowed?

The PRESIDENT—There will be debate allowed on the passage of the order; yes, sir.

The question was put on suspending the rule, and the Council voted to suspend the rule—Yeas 63, nays 4:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKnight, McMackin, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Warner, Wood—63.

Nays—Carter, Ferber, Lacey, MacLoud—4.
Absent or not voting—Barry, Bell, Dolan, Mancovitz, Maynard, McKirdy, Moynihan—7.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I was about to say that one of the principal reasons given for the change in the department is that its present constitution is anomalous, because there are two heads with distinct but interlacing powers. Now, the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston is entirely distinct from the City Solicitor, and their duties are entirely distinct. The City Solicitor looks after the trial of cases, and his assistants—

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I understand the gentleman to state from his remarks here that he believes the passage of this ordinance will result in the consolidation of two departments. I would like to inquire what two departments he refers to?

Mr. FERBER—The Corporation Counsel is one, and the City Solicitor is the other.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, my understanding is that they both form one department—namely, the law department.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the Corporation Counsel gives opinions to the City Council and the heads of departments. He appears before legislative committees on behalf of the mayor and on behalf of measures in which the city government is interested, and he draws and approves contracts relating to the city of Boston. There is not a member of the bar here who does not know that the duties of the two officials are entirely distinct, and there is not a member of the bar here who

does not know that every large corporation has even a greater division of legal departments than this. Take the Boston Elevated Railway. Its general counsel are Messrs. Gaston, Snow and Saltonstall, of 60 State St. Its attorneys for the trial of accident cases are under the direction of a man in the main building of the company, Mr. Sears, but the attorneys themselves are scattered all over the city. Its legislative counsel is located in the Tremont Building. Take the case of the Boston & Northern Railroad Corporation, another large corporation here, the facts are virtually the same. The general counsel, who have to do with looking after contracts and general legal matters are always in a large corporation, distinct from that department which has to do with the trial of causes—and it properly should be so. The City of Boston is a large corporation and should conduct its business upon the business principles upon which large corporations are run. The Corporation Counsel of Boston might as well have his office here in City Hall, where it would be really more convenient, and where he should have it, as in the city law department. He is merely there because it happens to be a convenient place. Now, Mr. President, whether it is an anomaly or not, the question here involved as far as public utility is concerned, is whether we are going to get a deteriorated service. Mr. President, it is commonly reported that if the consolidation goes through we will lose possibly both gentlemen, who are now at the head of that department; and it is more currently stated that we shall lose one, the Hon. Andrew J. Bailey, a former president of this body.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman yield?

Mr. FERBER—Yes, Mr. President.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, has the gentleman been informed by the mayor as to whether either of those men shall go?

Mr. FERBER—I have not. I say it has been currently reported. Now, Mr. President, Mr. Bailey is a man whose legislative experience is second to none in the City of Boston. Any man acquainted with legislation, any man who has served in the legislature, particularly as a member of the Committee on Cities, will bear me out in that statement. The present executive of the City may feel that he ought not to go very much to the legislature. Possibly it is unfortunate that we have not more home rule in Boston, that we have to go so often to the Legislature. But the work before the legislature is an important work. I want to read to you what Mayor Matthews, in his excellent valedictory address, said about this matter:—

"While the city is dependent upon the action of the State Legislature for permission to do a great many things that it desires to do, its financial concerns, on the other hand, are the subject of constant attack by individual members of the Legislature, both from this city and from other towns. The treasury of the City of Boston is regarded in many parts of the State as a fund to be drawn upon by compulsory legislation for the benefit of the smaller towns; and many of the representatives from this city make it their habitual concern to introduce and advocate bills for the transfer of portions of the city's money for the benefit of special interests and classes. The result is that during the annual sessions of the Legislature a large part of the work of governing this city must be transacted at the State House in the advocacy of needed reforms, and in defence of the city treasury against agrarian and class legislation. I shall not encumber these pages with a detailed ac-

count of this work, on the whole the most important that has devolved upon me during the past four years."

That, Mr. President, is from one of the most competent executives this city has ever had. Then he cites a number of very important measures which had been passed during the years that he was Chief Executive, but I will not burden the Council with them. I merely want to mention the Subway act, which Mr. Bailey forced upon the Legislature. The newspaper men can at least bear me out in that, those who were doing newspaper work at the time when it went through the Legislature. Mr. Bailey forced it upon the Legislature, and it is now proving one of the greatest benefits of anything the City of Boston has ever undertaken. Mr. President, every man—

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I will ask him if he has ever been retained by Mr. Bailey as counsel to represent him in this case? (Laughter.)

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I would say to the gentleman that I was for over five years in the City Law Department, including the time when this work was being done, and when Mr. Bailey, with Mayor Quincy, and at times with Mayor Matthews, was at work upon matters in which the city was interested, while the Legislature was in session. They sometimes worked until 1 o'clock at night, and later, and it—

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman another question. Did the gentleman get paid for his work?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that question out.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the City of Boston cannot find a man who is a citizen of the city, who can take up the work the city is interested in at the Legislature and go on with it for the same amount of money that is being paid to the present Corporation Counsel. He has saved enormous amounts of money to the City of Boston in his numerous years of service. I would gladly refer the question of his worth and ability, the great service he has rendered to the city, to either ex-Mayor Matthews or ex-Mayor Quincy, and I have no doubt the testimony of those gentlemen would be as strong as they could possibly put it. Another thing, it would take a man who might enter the Law Department to take up the work of approving and drawing contracts of the City of Boston years, as any lawyer knows, to get into shape—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would suggest that the question, as it appears to him, is not upon whether Mr. Bailey is competent or whether or not Mr. Babson or Mr. Bailey is to be removed; but the question is entirely upon the feasibility of the plan to have a single head for that department. The Chair will request the gentleman to confine himself to that question.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, as this proposed consolidation would, in my opinion, accomplish a public detriment by possibly removing from that department either of those gentlemen, I think it is competent to discuss their qualifications, and I therefore think I am in order. Now, Mr. President, as I have said, it would take a man several years to get into a position to deal with the numerous contracts that come before the city law department, involving enormous amounts of money—contracts submitted by all the heads of departments, which have to be acted upon with rapidity and accuracy, requiring a full knowledge of all the details of the city's business. That is work that the present corporation counsel does, and it is marvellous that he is able to accomplish as much as he does. As to his influence with the legislature, I have talked with many members who have been

there, particularly with members of the Committee on Cities, and have been informed that Mr. Bailey has more influence with that committee than any other man in Boston. Mr. President, corporations who are continually attacking the interests and the finances of the city, who are seeking free franchises, etc., will pay to one of their counsel \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 for a single matter of legislation that he is looking after. Mr. Bailey looks after hundreds of matters in which the city is interested in the course of a year, besides his other work, and gets the modest sum of \$7500 per year. The fact that the gentleman has stayed in the employ of the city is a revelation to me, when his services would be of much greater value to other corporations who have need of the services of men of his ability; and it is a tribute to him that he has unselfishly sacrificed his personal interests to stay with the City of Boston. But he has told me that he liked the work, because he liked the service of the citizens of this city. Mr. President, the day is not far distant—

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Rule 6 of the Common Council is being tread upon. (Laughter.) The gentleman has talked more than fifteen minutes.

The PRESIDENT—The point of order is not well taken. The Chair will say that, to his certain knowledge, the gentleman has been speaking about eleven minutes.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I thank the Chair, and I will not require any more time than is allowed me by the rule. On the other hand, Mr. President, you have at present, as city solicitor a man who is known to the bar to be one of the ablest lawyers and who has tried numberless successful cases for the City of Boston.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the matter before the council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair was about to say, in line with the point of order raised by Mr. Fay of Wd. 18, that he felt that the gentleman was perhaps not confining himself strictly to the question. The Chair will request the gentleman to do so as far as he can.

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I should like to ask the gentleman a question. Inasmuch as he eulogized our corporation city solicitor, I would like to know in what condition the City of Boston would find itself tomorrow, supposing both of those gentlemen should pass out of the world together, should die?

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, it would be unfortunate, as it is when any eminent citizen dies. We fill the place of such a man as best we can, but it would be very unfortunate for the city of Boston.

Mr. NEWTON—Mr. President, I rise to make a motion.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that a motion is not in order at this time.

Mr. NEWTON—Mr. President, I believe that a motion to close debate at a specified time is in order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair would state that Mr. Ferber has the floor. The motion will be allowed when Mr. Ferber ceases.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the other reason that is assigned for the consolidation of this department is that there are more cases than there were before, and that the department is not competent to handle the business. Mr. President, if you will review the daily trial lists you will find that less cases are now being tried against the city of Boston in the courts, in recent years, than were in years before, when the snow and ice law was in effect, and the city of Boston had only two assistants trying cases in the courts. That is largely due to the fact, not that the City business has increased, but to the

fact, as every attorney knows, that the lists are so overcrowded with cases of the Elevated Road, which monopolizes all the time of the courts, that other cases cannot be reached. Now, Mr. President, those are the two reasons that have been advanced for the consolidation of the department. I say that they are not sound, either of them. Let us not open the doors to put this department upon a political basis, upon which it has never been placed in the past. It has been one of the few departments of which the men at the head have been able to select their own assistants in past years. They have gone to the district attorney's office, for instance, to find men competent by reason of their trying cases in the courts every day, to handle cases in which the city is interested. They have picked out such men as their assistants, selecting Mr. Nason, Mr. Proctor and Mr. Fred E. Hurd—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman's time for debate has expired. The question is on the passage of the ordinance.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I don't wish to say very much about this new ordinance, but I do wish to make just a few remarks. It seems to me that the last speaker is laboring under a great mistake. It seems that he feels that he ought to come here and defend the City Solicitor and the Corporation Counsel. I think his position is entirely wrong. Those two gentlemen are too well known to need any defence whatever. Their standing is so high that we do not need to discuss it here for a moment. If the City of Boston loses the services of those two gentlemen because of any amalgamation in the department, it is no loss to anybody but the City of Boston. It is no detriment to those gentlemen. They can get positions anywhere and earn salaries at least twice what they are getting today. Therefore I don't think we need to look at those two individuals, who are as fine men and as able lawyers as we need to have. But the idea is, is this going to result in more efficient service to the city? Is the public going to be better served? Can the public go to the department and get better service under this plan? Today the layman does not know which man to approach—the City Solicitor or the Corporation Counsel. True, the last speaker may know, and I may know, and the rest of the attorneys in the Council may know, but the layman, the large majority of the people of the City of Boston do not know. But if there is a head to this department, the same as there ought to be to every department, he is the man they will see first. They may be turned over to some assistants, but those assistants will be responsible to the head, and the head will be responsible to the city. That is the way it ought to be, it seems to me. There is no need for argument as to Mr. Bailey or Mr. Babson being fired out of a position. It seems to me it is immaterial to those gentlemen whether they are or not. The city would be the only sufferer by losing the services of either of those gentlemen. I have sufficient confidence in the Mayor of the City of Boston to feel that he is not going to put a man in such a position today who is not able to fill it, whether Mr. Babson, or Mr. Bailey, or some other eminent lawyer in the City of Boston. There are several men in the city who can fill that position, and while I have the greatest respect and regard for the abilities of those two gentlemen, it seems to me it is a detriment to them to stay there. That is the way I look upon it. In regard to the salary proposed here, I thought likely that some of the speakers tonight would object to the salary of \$9000, which is going to be given to the one man at the head of this department. Gentlemen, I will say that it is my opinion that

that is a very small salary for a man who is to occupy such an important position—because, as I understand this ordinance, he is not to be allowed to practice outside of that position. Therefore, \$9000 means every dollar he can earn. I think if the Mayor of the City of Boston decides that he wants to change the head of the law department, he is going to find it difficult to get any man to take that position for \$9000—just as we find it hard today to get our most eminent lawyers to go on the bench, for the small salaries given. The salaries are not commensurate with the ability and services expected from the men capable of filling those positions. Therefore, our best, strongest and most able men are in private practice; and those men, who have been so eagerly upheld by the last speaker, are, I think, being injured by being kept in their places. Therefore, gentlemen, I say that I think this ordinance ought to be passed, and ought to be passed tonight. It is important that we should have it passed at once, so that we shall all know that there is one head to that department, who is responsible, and that assistants will be chosen, able assistants, who will have to look to that head. It seems to me a great mistake to imagine we are going to have a political ring up there in the City Law Department, that a lot of incapable men are going to be put in there. That is a reflection on the Mayor of the City of Boston.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, in view of the other important things that are to come before us tonight, in view of the overwhelming vote in favor of suspension of the rule, and in view of the fact that one able speech has been delivered on each side of this question, I move the previous question.

The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I don't mean to take up any more of the Council's time than is absolutely necessary, but it seems to me that in lines 50-51 three words should be added as an amendment. The ordinance as drafted reads as follows: "Shall draft and approve of all of written contracts." I would suggest adding the words "affecting the city." It evidently is not intended to mean that he shall, as a matter of fact, draft all written contracts. It simply means all contracts affecting the city. If that appears a desirable amendment to the legal minds of the Council, I would suggest that it be adopted.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say, for the information of the gentleman, that the natural effect of that provision of the ordinance as drawn would simply be that he would draft and approve the form of all written contracts of his client, under the ordinance—that is, of the city.

Mr. CARTER—I will be glad, Mr. President, to substitute the opinion of the Chair, as a lawyer, for my opinion upon that matter, I not being a lawyer.

The main question was ordered, and the ordinance was passed in concurrence, yeas 65, nays 1.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. R., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKnight, McMackin, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richards, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner, Wood—66.

Nays—Berber—1.
Absent or not voting—Barry, Bell, Dolan, Mancovitz, Maynard, McKirdy, Moynihan, Williams—8.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost.

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Frederick W. Paine, referred March 28, for compensation for damage to estate on Northampton and Watson streets, by overflow of sewage, leave to withdraw, as suit has been entered against the City.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of same committee, on petition of Jacob J. Fewes, referred February 8, for compensation for damage to premises 32 Causeway street, caused by overflow of sewage, leave to withdraw, the petitioner having brought suit against the City.

Accepted in concurrence.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Gaetano Galeano et als, referred Mar 28, for compensation for damages to property on East Sixth St., caused by change of grade of said street, recommending reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

6. Ordered, That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested to have the Out-Patients' Department kept open between the hours of six and seven o'clock P.M.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow persons to visit the children at the Parental School on Sundays and Holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock P.M., without restriction as to number of visits per month to each inmate.

Passed in concurrence.

8. An Ordinance to abolish the Statistics Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Chapter thirty-seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby repealed.

Chapter two of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one, in the clause providing for the appointment of certain trustees for the term of five years, by striking out the words "one statistics trustee."

The PRESIDENT—The ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, under the rule.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended at this time, in order that the ordinance may take a second reading at this meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, this Statistics Department is a matter I would like to look into a little further. Inasmuch as the motion to suspend the rules will take away the requirement that it be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and thus give us all a chance to look into it, I trust that the rules will not be suspended. This department is one that is very valuable. The members who have not had occasion to go there for information do not appreciate the value of the department. I trust that the rules will not be suspended at this time. It was my intention to move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, in order that that committee might investigate the matter, and, if it sees fit, recommend the abolition of this department to the Council.

Mr. GRADY—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the rules will be suspended tonight. I can see no reason why this ordinance cannot be put upon its passage. There is no good reason why it should be referred to the Committee on Ordinances. A good reason why it should not be referred is the simple reason that the Committee on Ordinances will probably only have one meeting this year. I was a member of the Committee on Ordinances last year, and we met but once. There

were a number of matters that were referred to that committee that should have been considered by it, but they were not considered. There were matters referred to that committee from time to time throughout the year, but they were never acted upon by the committee, because it only had one meeting during the whole year. Now, here is an opportunity for the members of the City Council to settle this matter tonight. All those members who are against the ordinance will have an opportunity to vote against it. All those who are in favor of it will have an opportunity of voting in favor of it. But if it is referred to the Committee on Ordinances, probably nothing will ever be heard of it again. In 1902, a similar ordinance was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen. It came to the Council, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and I do not think that the Committee on Ordinances ever made any report on it. I trust that the members tonight will vote to suspend the rules, that the matter may be threshed out here and settled one way or the other.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, as I stated in reference to suspending the rule when that question came up in regard to the matter of the Law Department, the chief reason which can be assigned for refusing to suspend the rules is that somebody wants a little more light and information on the subject. Now, Mr. President, I, for one, wish to state that I would like to have a little more light and a little more information in regard to this department and the work that it is doing. I think that the Committee on Ordinances can get together the information on that, can find out just what the nature of the work done by this Department is, and of what value it is. Therefore, Mr. President, I trust that the rules will not be suspended, and that the matter will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, where it can be gone into in detail, and that committee can report back to this body their conclusions in the matter.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I trust that the rules will not be suspended. I would respectfully suggest that one reason why the Committee on Ordinances makes such infrequent reports to the Council is that the really important matters are taken out of their hands, by never being referred to that Committee. Tonight, as a matter of courtesy, I voted to refer one matter to the Committee on Ordinances—a matter which the gentleman in the second division wished to have sent there. And here again, as a matter of courtesy to the gentleman in the second division, who is a member of that committee, I shall vote to have this matter referred to that committee. If matters of real importance are taken out of the hands of that committee, and only matters of minor importance left in their hands, the reports of that committee will continue to be infrequent. I think that ordinances of some importance should be sent to that committee, and I trust that this ordinance will be so sent.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I have one reason, and one only, for not voting to suspend the rules at this time. That reason is that for this council to abolish this department, this most useful department, would be a lasting disgrace to the city of Boston. I think the quicker this is stopped, the better.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, while I am perfectly satisfied to give anybody the benefit of the doubt, and am willing to allow them to get all the information that is possible from this statistics department, I have but to refer to my little order or question of information which I asked of the mayor last year in relation to this department. The statistics department, from what I have ob-

served of it—other than Dr. Hartwell—is a department that has been appointed, or organized through ordinance, for the purpose of benefitting gentlemen whom I may term not "faddists," but "hobbiests," on the poorer classes of our cities. During the course of last year, the statistics department took a portion of their appropriation, and, at the request of an individual member of the school board, they sent throughout the schools of my district a card asking questions in relation to the nativity, birth, parentage and occupation of the School children, and as to what vocation in life they desired to follow. They did that out of their appropriation, and for no other purpose than to give one Robert A. Woods a chance to gather together in pamphlet form information which he sent out at the cost of the public, but at a profit to himself. That is the work that the Statistics Department is doing. They did no other work last fall, except to furnish a hobby association named the "Good Government Association," or, as I term it, "The Good Grafters' Association" (laughter).—

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The Chair will state that the question is on suspending rules, and will ask the members to confine themselves to that question.

Mr. NEWTON—Mr. President, I desire that the rules shall be suspended, not from personal animosity alone, but from the character and make-up of that department. If that department has no other business except to assail the members of the Board of Aldermen and myself as a member of this body, through speeches made by its individual members at banquets and gatherings and luncheons, then it is my duty as a member of this City Government to uphold the citizens who sent me here. To those persons, I wish to say that the fact that I was charged in a lower court with gambling does not, for the reason that a person is not guilty until they are proven so, in any way justify one of the members of that department in coming out and saying that a member of the City Council is a gambler. That member of that department falsified when he said that, and I am here to favor Ald. Curley's proposition to abolish that department. I sincerely hope and trust that the rules will be suspended, and that that department will be abolished, not for the best interests of the people of my district alone, but for the best interests of the common people of Boston.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, the vote being—yeas 35, nays 35:—

Yeas—Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hanley, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner—35.

Nays—Abbott, Bradley, Carter, Colbert, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Eagan, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Graumann, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKnight, McMackin, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Wood—35.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Moynihan, Williams—5.

The PRESIDENT—The ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. GRADY—Mr. President, if I am not too late, I would like to move reconsideration, and that reconsideration be assigned to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will receive the motion. The question comes on assignment of reconsideration until the next meeting.

The motion to assign reconsideration un-

til the next meeting was lost. Mr. Grady doubted the vote and asked for a roll call. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to assign consideration of the motion until the next meeting was lost—yeas 32, nays 37.

Yeas—Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Foley, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hanley, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McKinney, McKirdy, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Sullivan—32.

Nays—Abbott, Carter, Colbert, Colman, Cook, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Eagan, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Graumann, Harrington, Higgins, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKnight, McMackin, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, Warner, Wood—37.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Moynihan, Williams—6.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on the motion to reconsider.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I understood that the question just voted on was the motion to reconsider and to assign reconsideration to the next meeting. Does the question of reconsideration now come up?

The PRESIDENT—The question was on assigning consideration of the motion to reconsider to the next meeting of the Council. The Council refused to assign consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council, and the question for the Council now to determine is the motion to reconsider, and on that question the Chair has directed a roll call. Those in favor of reconsidering the vote whereby the Council refused to suspend the rules, will vote "yes," those opposed "no," and the clerk will call the roll.

The motion to reconsider was lost, the vote being yeas 29, nays 40:—

Yeas—Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Craig, Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Foley, Gleason, Good, Grady, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McKinney, McKirdy, Murray, Newton, Reagan, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—29.

Nays—Abbott, Bradley, Carter, Colbert, Cook, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Eagan, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKnight, McMackin, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Warner, Wood—40.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Conway (23), Moynihan, Williams—6.

The PRESIDENT—The ordinance will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, under the rules.

9. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor request the Schoolhouse Commissioners, as far as practicable, to place all contracts for schoolhouse construction with Boston concerns, in preference to outside contractors; as all outside contractors bring employees from outside of Boston and very little of the taxpayers' money remains in Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

100. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the grounds surrounding the monument in Thomas Park, South Boston, erected in commemoration of the evacuation of Boston by the British troops, to be placed and kept in fit condition, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

RELOCATION OF COGSWELL FOUNTAIN.

Mr. PRICE, of Wd. 23, called up No. 12, past assignment, viz.:—

12. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds place the Cogswell Fountain, now stored by his department, on the public ground at the junction of South Conway, South Fairview and Robert Sts., West Roxbury District; and that he be authorized to make such changes in this fountain as will meet the approval of the Art Commission; the expense to be charged to the Department of Public Grounds.

The question came on the passage of the order, the objections of His Honor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, when I was elected to this body, my colleague in the first division (Mr. Conway) informed me that it was practically impossible to get any improvement for the section of the City of Boston known as Wd. 23. At the time, I took that as a good-natured joke. Later, I took the Auditor's Report and went through it to find something that no other section of the City of Boston would accept, or possibly something that some other section of the City of Boston had rejected, and which it would be possible for my section to obtain, and I stumbled on to the Cogswell Fountain. I put that order in. I found out then, and not until then, that my colleague was absolutely correct, and that they will not give to Wd. 23 something that is despised in the down-town wards, something which has been rejected by them and stored away for nine or ten years. Mr. President, I have called this up tonight principally for the sake of getting this matter off the calendar and out of the way. I think that no other member of the City Government need fear what the Mayor of Boston will think of him if he should vote to pass this over the Mayor's veto. I know that the Mayor does not care. It is merely a matter of principle with the Mayor. I have had people go to see the Mayor, and he does not take any interest in the matter one way or the other. So, if anybody fears he may be jeopardizing anything by voting in favor of this order, I want to put that member right on the subject.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I think that, if my colleague in the fourth division will recollect my words, they were not that they would not give anything to Wd. 23 that other people did not want, but that it had been my experience for three years that no Republican from Wd. 23 received anything. I shall have to ask him to think it over and see if those were not my words. Nevertheless, Mr. President and fellow-members, I think his contention in regard to the Cogswell Fountain is well grounded. No one else seemed to want it. In fact, it has been stored somewhere in the storehouse of the Department of Public Grounds, and has been remaining there—perhaps an incumbrance upon that department. Now, in order to relieve that Department of some of its encumbrances, we were willing to have this fountain placed out in Wd. 23. We thought that possibly by having a fountain out there under the care of the Public Grounds Department, it would bring the employees of the Public Grounds Department out there a little oftener than they come now, and that the consequence would be that perhaps some of our beautiful trees would be better taken care of by the Public Grounds Department than they are now by the electric light companies. (Laughter.) For that reason, if nothing else, Mr. President, I think it would be well for the members who have a friendly feeling for the sylvan beauty of the city to vote in favor of having this fountain placed in Wd. 23.

The question was put on the passage of the order, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, and it failed of passage (a two-thirds vote

in favor of passing it being required), the vote being—yeas 29, nays 28:

Yeas—Abbott, Brazzell, Carter, Collins, (12) H. J., Collins, (4) J. F., Colman, Conway (23), Dalton, Good, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McKie, McKinney, McKnight, Murray, Patterson, Price, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Wood—29.

Nays—Bradley, Callahan, Colbert, Conboy, Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, (2) J. F., Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, (5) J. E., Fitzgerald, (3) T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Kelley, Lacey, McDermott, McDonald, (4) P. A., McGonagle, McMackin, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Sullivan, (9) D. L.—28.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Cadogan, Conway, (3) J. J., Dolan, Drummond, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, (16) McKirdy, Moynihan, Newton, Reagan, Sullivan, (15) T. J. Jr., Warner, Williams—18.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move reconsideration, hoping it will not prevail.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that reconsideration is not in order, the matter having been once reconsidered.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be for two weeks to May 19, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

PUBLIC LANDING, GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the City Engineer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give the estimated cost of erecting a public landing on Governor's Island.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of 85 Meridian St., East Boston; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF EAST BOSTON FERRY.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Finance Committee be instructed to include in their first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for a new coal pocket, repairs of drops, slips and connections on the East Boston Ferries.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Finance Committee include in its first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for a playground for the Dorchester Lower Mills, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVEMENT OF DORCHESTER STREET.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 for Mr. SULLIVAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of improving Dorchester St., South Boston, by equalizing the grade thereof and causing the roadway to be pitch-paved between Broadway and Seventh St., and macadamized between Seventh and Eighth Sts.; and that the Superintendent be further requested to report whether these improvements could

be charged to the present appropriation for the Street Department, or should they be provided for by loan.

Referred to the Mayor.

QUESTIONS ON RELIEF OF POOR.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Overseers of the Poor Department be requested to report to the City Council specifically, as follows: 1st. Why has the practice of reporting the sums of money spent in the various districts been discontinued. 2nd. By what authority does the said board aid directly persons living outside the City of Boston. 3rd. How many resident physicians to attend the indigent poor does the Board employ, and in what districts. 4th. What is the reason for the great variation of the amounts given to indigent families in the different districts of the city.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I should like to have that order referred to the Committee on Overseeing of the Poor Department, and acted upon by that Committee; and I should like to say a word or two, in order to give that Committee a little information as to this order. In the first place, this Board is appointed by the Mayor under the provisions of an act of the Legislature, and the members of that Board are not subject to the City Council in any way. It is a most autocratic and supercilious body. I have found. It has absolutely disregarded repeated orders from this body asking for information, and I think it would be well for this Council to authorize that Committee to learn, in the interest of the members of the Council, the methods which that Board follow. In the first place, I do not know of any reason why the Department should use a part of the tax levy for helping persons who live outside of the City of Boston, and I should like to know their reasons for doing so. In the second place, I understand that resident physicians are maintained in five districts of the city and not in the other three. I should like to know if that is true, and, if so, what the reason for it is. I should also like to be informed why there is such an extraordinary difference in the amount of money that is given to indigent and needy families in the different districts of the city. The city has been divided by this Board into eight districts. I do not wish to bother the members of the Council with statistics, but I should like to state the average amount given per family in the different districts of the city in the year 1901-2. In East Boston, Mr. Chairman, the average amount given by this department to a family in need of assistance was \$23.20. In Charlestown, Mr. President, the average was \$18.19. In Dorchester, the average was \$45.35. In districts outside of the city, the average was \$53, plus. Now, Mr. President, I do not think that is a reasonable distribution of the city's money. I may be wrong. There may be valid reasons for such an extraordinary variation; but if there are, I should like to have the reasons. I think the Council is entitled to them. If there are no good reasons for it, I should like to know why some districts are favored at the expense of others, Charlestown receives the smallest average amount—a little over \$18. People living outside of the city receive almost three times as much—\$50; and people in Dorchester receive about two and a half times as much—\$45. Now, Mr. President, I do not mean to make any insinuations, but I believe that those figures require an explanation. I am not here talking to you about something which is particularly for my district, but am talking in the interest of the whole city. I think that it is absolutely impossible that matters are managed fairly and reasonably, when a family of citizens in Charlestown can only obtain \$18 when in need, while a family in

Dorchester can obtain \$45, and a family living outside of the city can obtain \$53. I think that difference is extraordinary. Moreover, the Board of Overseers of the Poor have in the past been accustomed to issue in their report a statement of the amount of money given to each district, the number of persons aided in each district, etc.; but this year they have discontinued that practice. That is taking away from us the only means we have of knowing in what proportion the money is distributed. I think that was good information, and that we should know where the money went to. I should like to know if the reason why that has been omitted is because that matter aroused questioning.

I think it is a good thing for the Common Council to get after this Committee, Mr. President, because three months ago, when I started what might be termed an agitation upon the subject, the conditions were even more extraordinary than they are today. There have been partial results of the feeling aroused, which have not yet arrived at the proper goal, by any means. I trust that some action will be taken and that we will have a committee which will energetically pursue its labors, so that the city will benefit by them.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I doubt the presence of a quorum.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, in his opinion, the doubt as to a quorum will come first, because if there is not a quorum present the Chair cannot consider the question of privilege.

Mr. COLMAN—Mr. President, I ask the indulgence of the Chair to request the member in the second division (Mr. Colbert) to withdraw his point of order on the question of a quorum.

The members present were requested to rise and remain standing until counted, and it appeared that but thirty-three members were in the chamber.

Mr. FERBER asked for a roll call, which was ordered, with the following result:—

Present—Abbott, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Carter, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Walton, Dolan, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gleason, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKinney, McKnight, McMackin, Murray, Newton, Pierce, Price, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., jr., Warner, Wood—55.

Absent—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Colbert, Crowley, Driscoll, Drummond, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gethro, Good, Kelley, Mancovitz, McGonagle, McKirdy, Moynihan, Patterson, Rachowsky, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Williams—20.

The PRESIDENT—55 members being present, the point of order is not well taken. The order will be referred to the Committee on Overseeing of the Poor Department.

HOSPITAL FACILITIES, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Board of City Hospital Trustees, through His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to formulate to the City Council a plan for affording hospital facilities to East Boston, in accordance with the suggestions of the special committee of 1892, and contained on pages 29 and 30 of document 213 of that year.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the dead tree at the southeast corner of Meridian and Gove streets, Wd. 2, East Boston; the expense

attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEATS, TUNNEL ENTRANCE.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place seats on the mound at the mouth of the tunnel in Maverick square, East Boston, within the stone curbing, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

CAR SERVICE, GROVE HALL.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide extra car service from Grove Hall to the North Station, between the hours of 7 and 9 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

Referred to the Mayor.

SUSPENSION OF PARK EMPLOYEES.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this body at its next meeting why a large number of men in the Park Department were suspended at this time of the year.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF WILLIAMS STREET.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Williams street, Wd. 23, from Washington to Forest Hills street.

Referred to the Mayor.

STONY BROOK IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cover in that branch of the Stony Brook that flows through the Forest Hills, Mt. Hope, Roslindale and West Roxbury districts of Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

DISCHARGE OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the present Building Committee be discharged and a new one appointed by the President, not to include the author of this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the order is not properly drawn and will rule it out.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like a little information as to why it is not properly drawn.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the order requires the discharge of the building committee, and that the Common Council has no right to discharge a committee composed, in part at least, of members of the Board of Aldermen. We have no power over the Aldermanic representation upon committees.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I did not propose, in presenting the order, that it should have any reference to the committee of the Board of Aldermen. I realize that this body has no power over the Board of Aldermen.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman should so state in his order.

Mr. CONWAY—So, if you will allow me, I will insert whatever words are necessary.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will direct the Clerk to allow Mr. Conway to insert the necessary words, and will proceed in the meantime with other orders, if there is no objection.

Later in the session Mr. Conway offered his order in a new form, as follows:—

Ordered, That the present Building Committee of the Common Council be discharged and a new one appointed by the President, not to include the author of this order.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I desire at this late hour to say a few words explaining my idea and purpose in introducing this order. I believe that the creator is bigger than the creature, and I believe that the Common Council is bigger than any committee of it. Consequently, when any committee of this body receives an order asking it to report at the next meeting in reference to matters that are before that committee, or should be before it, and it fails to obey the mandate of his Council, I say it then appears, if the Council approves of such action, that the creature is bigger than the creator. Mr. President and fellow-members, in reference to the inspection of theatres, the Building Committee took upon itself the inspection of the theatres, and I presume they have been inspecting theatres—whether or not for the safety of the public, I do not know. One of the members, I think it was the Chairman, stated at one of the meetings some months ago that the Building Committee was working and in a short time would be able to make a report. At that time, or at a meeting of a later date, an order was introduced asking the Building Committee to report to this body as far as it had gone in the inspection of theatres, as to the condition they found them in, and from time to time and from meeting to meeting make similar reports. Up to the present time the Building Committee has refused or neglected to make such reports. I claim, to use a slang term, that it is up to the members of this Council to say whether or not they approve such action on the part of any committee, Building Committee or otherwise. Tonight I voted against referring a matter to a committee on general principles, because, Mr. President and fellow-members, my experience has been the same with other committees as it has been with the Building Committee—that they have shown neglect and failure to report. For that reason, and for no other, I voted against reference to a committee. I believe that this Council, if this committee refuses to obey orders, should discharge the committee, and that the President should appoint a new committee. We can then see whether that committee will do its duty and obey the orders of this Council better than the present one.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, if the member who has just introduced that order had taken the pains to see where his order had gone, he would perhaps know that it had not reached the building committee at all. That committee, as every member knows, is a joint committee, and when an order is introduced here it must pass the Board of Aldermen in order to have it effective, before it can go to a joint committee. I think perhaps the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) would perfect himself in his knowledge of the workings of the city government if he would pay a little more attention to them and less to trying to make political capital here.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like to answer the gentleman—

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the members present to rise and remain standing until counted. It appearing that 44 members were present, the Chair ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 moved that the Council do now adjourn; lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the order of my friend from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) will prevail this evening. I have looked into this theatre business a little, have looked somewhat into the workings of the committee, and think something should be done. I might quote some from the remarks of the chairman of the building committee on March 23, as showing the methods of that committee. In referring to the minutes I find that he said that the committee had visited a great many theatres and taken notes, and that it would take a whole session of the council to report upon what they had found. Further on he said that they had already visited four theatres and that tomorrow there is another theatre to be visited. Later on, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 23, the building committee intends to visit all theatres and places of amusement and all halls where public meetings are held. Now, if the public halls and theatres are such a menace to this community that it is going to take the larger part of one session of this body to report four of them, I claim that it is about time that this committee was compelled to make a report. I believe, if it is not going to make a report, that it is time (that the members of that committee, on the part of the Common Council, should be allowed to give way to members of the Common Council who may have more influence with the members on the part of the Board of Aldermen. It is possible that the Board of Aldermen may be at fault—I don't know. But, at any rate, the members of the Building Committee know, from the order introduced by my friend from Wd. 23 some months ago and passed, that it is the desire of the council that something should be done about the theatres and that some information should be given this body. I earnestly hope, if that committee cannot give the information, that a committee will be appointed that can.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not prevail. I think we ought to have a full and fair understanding of this matter now. If the building committee does not intend to do the work delegated to it by this body, it ought to be discharged. The answer of the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Wood) is not a sufficient answer, as the gentleman knows, because two orders have been referred to the building committee relating to the condition of theatres, which orders that committee has a right to consider and report upon.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is speaking to the main question, and not to the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken. The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I believe the main question should not be now put, because we want to find out from the members of the Building Committee whether they propose to obey the mandates of this body, which creates them, as the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) says, or whether it feels that when matters are referred to them they are referred for the purpose of being killed. We refer matters to committees in good faith, hoping and trusting that they will bring back the information they get to the members of the Council. We are not afraid to accept the responsibility of voting ourselves upon these matters. The rule provides that committees shall report in four

weeks, and this committee has had much longer. It is no joke, this theatre matter. Mr. President,—

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, I again rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is speaking to the main question, and not to the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The fact that the gentleman's time has expired makes it unnecessary for the Chair to rule on the point of order.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I trust that the main question will not prevail at this time. I intend to move assignment of this matter to the next meeting, in courtesy to the chairman of the committee on the part of the Council. I think the gentleman should give him an opportunity to be here and reply to the gentleman from Wd. 23; and if I have that right now I will move assignment of the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the previous question takes precedence.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President in order that the members of the building committee may at a later meeting give this question all the consideration it should have, I move that the matter be laid on the table.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the council will not see fit to lay this order on the table.

Mr. McDERMOTT—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, the Building Committee have had ample time to consider all the order that have originated from this body, and have neglected to do so. Under the first order that was introduced here the Building Committee took it upon itself to investigate the theatres, and when the gentleman who has championed the cause of the Building Committee in this division says that I know nothing about the outcome of that order, I will say that I know this, Mr. President, that the Building Committee has paid no attention whatever to it. If the troubles with the members of the committee of the Board of Aldermen, who compose the minority of the committee, as far as numbers are concerned, I believe the members on the part of this Council are neglectful and derelict in their duty in not pushing the order, but allowing the minority of the committee to rule.

Mr. GRAUMANN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, as a member of the Building Committee, I don't feel as though I can very well stand any more of this heaping on of abuse. I take this occasion to tender my resignation as a member of the Building Committee, because I feel that there has been too much individual advertising on the part of some theatre agitators, and personally I have got just about enough of it.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is glad to state—for the reason that he thinks very highly of the gentleman from Wd. 22, and would not like to see him sever his connection with the committee—that his resignation is not in order at this time.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that this order will be laid on the table at this time and that it will stay there until the next meeting of the Common Council. My reason for taking that stand is that many members of the Building Committee are not present at this session of the Council. They are probably now performing their duties as members of that committee, making an investigation of the condition of the theatres of the City of Boston. (Laughter.) Mr. President, there is upon that committee, on the part of the Common Council, my colleague from Wd. 5, Councilman Fitzgerald. I know

that he has been conscientious and faithful in the performance of his duty as a member of that committee. Mr. McGonagle of Wd. 6, who sits behind me in this division, is also to my personal knowledge a faithful and conscientious member. We have heard but one side of this question at this time. It is true, I believe, that the committee has been somewhat slow in the performance of its duties. Surely it has not been as speedy in such performance as our colleague from Wd. 23, Councilman Conway, would have it; but, Mr. President, perhaps it has taken the time it has because it desires to make a very thorough and complete report upon the condition of the Boston theatres. For these reasons, then, Mr. President, I sincerely believe that the matter should be laid on the table at this time, in order that the members of the committee who are not now present may have an opportunity to be heard in their own behalf.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I trust that this matter will not be laid on the table, for this reason. We meet every other week, and have done so right along, and members of this body representing different constituencies come here, stay about an hour, and when they have done what they want to do, personally, they want to get out of here, regardless of anybody else. I think this body should be as dignified as the Board of Aldermen (laughter), and that the members of the body should attend to their duty. The members of this Council represent twenty-five wards, and when the members from one ward have their business done they take their hats and go out, and don't care about any other ward, whether the other wards have anything or not. Now, the building committee, in my opinion, has had plenty of time and ample opportunity to give us some kind of a report; but just as sure as any matter of importance comes up here one or two members want it to be pigeon-holed, put on the table, assigned to the next meeting, or something else. I don't think that is fair. I think every member of this body should have a right to argue or debate upon any subject, and give his reasons or views in doing it. I agree with my friend from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway). I think that his position is just and right. I think the Building Committee has had ample time to give us some kind of a report, whether good or bad, and for that reason I trust that this matter will not be laid on the table.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I just want to answer perhaps a word that was cast out by the gentleman in the second division (Mr. Graumann)—whether he meant it for me or not. He looked at me when he said it. As far as advertising is concerned, Mr. President, if doing my duty, as I consider it, is advertising, then I propose to do all the advertising that I can. But if stirring something up in order to perhaps create a discussion be advertising, I plead not guilty to it. As I have said before, I believe it is the duty of every member of this Council to obtain advertising, if he obtains it in doing his duty; and I propose, while I am a member of this body, if doing my duty as a public servant and as a representative of a part at least of the city is advertising, to obtain all the advertising that I can.

The order was declared laid on the table. Mr. Conway doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was laid on the table, 23 members voting in the affirmative, 12 in the negative.

ACCEPTANCE OF PEQUOT STREET.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered the order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and maintain Pequot street, Wd. 19, as a public street.

Passed. Sent. up.

UNIFORMING OF BUILDING INSPECTORS.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered the following:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding to the first section thereof the following words:—"The said building inspectors must appear in full exposed uniform during office hours, and at all other times while on official duty."

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Mr. MACKENZIE.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, DORCHESTER.

Mr. LEAVITT of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the grounds surrounding the monument in the park, Meeting House Hill, erected in commemoration of the soldiers of Dorchester who lost their lives in the War of the Rebellion, to be placed and kept in fit condition; also that the monument be cleaned before Memorial Day; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent up.

SUNDAY VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS.

Mr. LEAVITT of Wd. 20, for Mr. Colman of Ward 15 offered an order—That the Penal Institutions Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, report to the Common Council the estimated cost of running the J. Putnam Bradley to Long Island on Sundays for the purpose of conveying visitors to the inmates of the Pauper Institutions, the same as on week days.

Referred to the Mayor.

EMPLOYEES AT CONVENTIONS.

Mr. LEAVITT of Wd. 20, for Mr. Colman of Wd. 15, offered the following:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

Section 26 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances is hereby amended by striking out after the word "committee," in the third line, the words "or convention" so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 26. No salaried officer or employee of the city not elected by popular vote, shall be an officer of any political caucus or a member of any political committee, nor shall any officer or employee of the city, not elected by popular vote, apply for, object to, or advocate before the legislature, any special act relative to the city of Boston, unless expressly authorized so to do by the mayor or the city council.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

LIGHT, PRESCOTT ST.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1, for Mr. Harrington of Wd. 1, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric arc light on Prescott St., Wd. 1, at its junction with the Cottage-St. bridge; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Lamp Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 12 was recognized by the Chair, and offered an order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair desires to state that at the time when he received the previous order from Mr. McKie, he did not know that Mr. Harrington was present in the Council Chamber. It is a general rule of the Council that no orders shall be introduced by one member for another unless that other member is actually ab-

sent. I did not know at the time that Mr. Harrington was present.

PAVING NORTHAMPTON ST.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to pave Northampton St., between Harrison Ave. and Washington St. Referred to the Mayor.

VISITING HOURS OUT PATIENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Mr. COLLINS offered an order—That the Trustees of the City Hospital be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the Out Patients' Department kept open between the hours of 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove a dead tree from Linden St., near corner Gardner St., Wd. 25, the expense of same to be charged to the Public Grounds Department. Referred to the Mayor.

CROSSWALK, WARDSWORTH ST.

Mr. RICHARDSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a crosswalk on Wadsworth St. at Ashford St., Wd. 25. Referred to the Mayor.

PLAYGROUND TO BE ROLLED.

Mr. RICHARDSON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause the North Brighton playground to be rolled. Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ROGERS PARK

Mr. RICHARDSON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a drinking fountain on Rogers Park, Wd. 25. Referred to the Mayor.

PRINTING OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. RICHARDSON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to make a contract, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, for publishing the proceedings of the City Council in a daily newspaper in this city for one year from June 1, 1904; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved a suspension of the rule. Lost. The order went over under the rule and will have its second reading at the next meeting.

SEATS IN HAYES SQUARE.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to have the Superintendent of Public Grounds replace the seats in Hayes Sq., Wd. 3. Referred to the Mayor.

COMPLETION OF SPEEDWAY.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the men suspended recently and put them to work on the new Speedway at Franklin Park so that it may be completed quickly. Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF COTTAGE STREET BRIDGE.

Mr. COLBERT of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill a sum sufficient to put the Cottage St. bridge in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPAVING OF SUMNER STREET.

Mr. COLBERT offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repave Sumner St., between Border St. and Maverick Sq., Wd. 2, East Boston. Referred to the Mayor.

REPAVING OF BEACH AND KNEELAND STS.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave with granite blocks Beach and Kneeland Sts., Wd. 7. Referred to the Mayor.

REINSTATEMENT OF PARK LABORERS.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to reinstate every laborer laid off on account of the appropriation being insufficient. Referred to the Mayor.

PAYMENT ON SINGLE TEAM WORK.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow \$3 for each working day, or \$18 a week, for each single team employed in the Street Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

SHELTER, BROADWAY BRIDGE.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to contract for the erection of a shelter on each side of the draw of Broadway Bridge.

Referred to the Mayor.

BAND CONCERTS, QUINCY SQ.

Mr. COUGHLIN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Music Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide two band concerts during the summer season in the vicinity of Quincy St., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

GAS LAMP, DEAN ST.

Mr. COUGHLIN offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp on Dean St. at a point between Victor and Judson Sts., Wd. 16.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS ON CORNELL ST.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface and place paved gutters on Cornell St., between Washington and Orange Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Mayor.

REFRESHMENTS FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the City Messenger procure coffee and sandwiches for the members.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the order out as illegal.

RESURFACING ON COLUMBUS AVE.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets,

through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Columbus Ave. from Park Sq. to Northampton St., the surface of said street being badly out of repair.

Referred to the Mayor.

CHANGE OF NAME OF SQUARE.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 called up No. 14, past assignment, viz.:—

14. Ordered, That the name of "Columbus Sq.," in the city of Boston, be changed to "Choate Sq."

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I move that that matter be referred to the Committee on Street Laying-Out Department, for the reason that there is some disagree-

ment as to the particular name to which this square shall be changed.

The motion to refer to the Street Laying Out Department was carried.

RESURFACING OF RIVERDALE ST.

Mr. MacKENZIE of Wd. 19, for Mr. McKinney of Wd. 25, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Riverdale St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 10:45 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Simms of Wd. 10, to meet on Thursday, May 19, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, May 9, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Five petit jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, February Term, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

Wm. T. Harney, Wd. 22; Alfred A. Hodges, Wd. 10; Edgar A. Dunn, Wd. 17; Geo. H. Lunt, Jr., Wd. 11; Benj. F. Park, Wd. 4.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Messages were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz:—

(1) Bartlett S. Waterman (137 North Beacon St., Wd. 25), a Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending April 30, 1905.

(2) Albert F. Lyons (429 Chelsea St., Wd. 1), and James E. Fitzpatrick (246 Havre St., Wd. 2), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Pietro Chiavone, a sign, at 16 Avery St., Wd. 7.

George Shepard, an unlettered lamp, at 1854 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Vincent Ruton, sign, 111 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Claims.

William A. Murray, for compensation for injuries caused by his falling on Essex St., in front of Nos. 33-35.

J. Oliver Higgins, for compensation for damages caused by the removal by agents of the city of his water pipe leading from the water main in Callender St. to estate on Lyons St.

Pinkham & Smith, for compensation for damages to property in basement at 288 Boylston St., caused by the stoppage of a catch basin in Providence St.

Timothy Barry, for compensation for personal injury received from defect on Columbus Ave., corner Northampton St.

The Village Club, for compensation for damage to property at 4 Sarsfield St., caused by overflow of water on April 28-29, 1904.

Electric Wires.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, that the first named company be allowed to acquire a pole of the second named company on Dudley St., at Harrison Ave.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to relocate a pole on Western Ave., near Everett St., Wd. 25.

For leave to erect four poles on Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

Licenses.

Mrs. M. Banks et als., that the Board refuse to grant licenses for merry-go-rounds or noisy shows on vacant lot on

Ruggles and Vancouver Sts. and Huntington Ave.

Parker & Zozosky, for a license for a merry-go-round at the junction of Huntington Ave. and Parker St., for one week beginning May 23.

George L. Layman, for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot on Huntington Ave., corner of Parker St., for three weeks beginning May 12.

Arthur Crane, for license to run a passenger barge between the northwest corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St. and Mount Hope Cemetery, during the present season.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

M. B. Jones et al., for removal of a tree at 907½ Fourth St.

Emily A. Fifield, for leave to remove a tree at 4 Ashland St., Wd. 23.

Supt. of Lamps.

Orient Heights Improvement Association, for two electric lights on Tower St. and one on Farrington St.

Memorial Day.

Petitions for appropriations for Memorial Day, viz:—

Thomas Francis Meagher Command No. 3, U. V. U., and R. G. Shaw Veteran Association.

Public Improvements.

Mary A. O'Brien, for compensation for damage to estate by the change of grade of Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

William Hawkes, for compensation for damages to estate caused by change of grade of Carson St.

Whidden & Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Simmons and Vernon Sts., Roxbury.

Martin E. Foye, for leave to maintain a bootblack stand in City Hall Ave.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

David Martin, et als., 1-3-5-7 Monks St., 633-7 Sixth St., 686 Seventh St., Wd. 14.

Mrs. Julia S. McAvoy, 8 Draper St., Wd. 20.

Joanna C. Gott, 919 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

H. A. Black, 51-5 Centre St., Wd. 24.

Henrietta P. Fitzgerald, 65 Wayland St., Wd. 16.

Joshua B. Richmond, 310 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz:—

1. Three on Seaver St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Normandy St., Wd. 20.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. Two on Hancock St., near Columbia Rd., Wd. 20.

Annie G. McCormack, for her mother, Caroline F. McCormack, owner of estate corner of Upham Ave. and Hancock St., appeared and objected, on the ground that the proposed poles would be a detriment to property on the street.

Ald. HENNESSEY also objected to the placing of the poles on the street, on the ground that public convenience and necessity do not require it; and, on his motion, the matter was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a hearing on the same.

3. One on Peverell St., near Sawyer Ave., Wd. 20.

Benjamin A. Plumley, owning property at the corner of Peverell St. and Sawyer Ave., appeared and objected to the pole on the ground that it would be an injury to adjoining property.

No further objections. Recommended to Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. One on Corey St., near Garfield St., Wd. 20.

William N. Irving of 221 Corey St., appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed pole, on the ground that it would be a detriment to property on the street.

A remonstrance was also received from William N. Irving and nine other property owners in the vicinity.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. Six on Clayton St., from Greenwich St. to the corner of Granger St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

6. Thirteen on Thetford Ave., between Norfolk and Evans Sts., Wd. 24.

The Chairman asked if there were any remonstrants present, and a large number rose.

Ald. Whelton and Ald. Hennessey filed remonstrances signed by the residents of Thetford Ave. and vicinity against the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. Three on Newton St., near Brooks St., Wd. 25.

8. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., and the Brookline Gas Light Company, that the first named company be allowed to attach its fixtures and wires to one pole of the second named company on Commonwealth Ave., near Essex St., Wd. 25.

9. On petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company that it be allowed to attach wires to poles of the West End Street Railway Company, viz.: to one pole on Franklin St., nearly opposite Braintree St., and to the first three poles on Braintree St., from Franklin St., Wd. 25.

10. Brookline Gas Light Company for leave to attach a cross arm and wires to the first and second poles on Chester St., north from Brighton Ave., Wd. 25, belonging to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

11. West End Street Railway Company for leave to attach wires to one pole of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts on Main St., west of the Boston & Maine Railroad crossing, Wd. 5.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

12. On petition of Andrew Burnett for leave to project three bay windows from building on Lime Alley, Wd. 6.

William Scampton, for C. Dimattia of 93 Charter St., corner of Lime Alley, appeared and objected, on the ground that the proposed bay windows would very seriously interfere with light and air and be a detriment to property.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and maintain Pequot St., Wd. 19, as a public street.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the grounds surrounding the monument in the Park, Meeting-house Hill, erected in commemoration of the soldiers of Dorchester who lost their lives in the War of the Rebellion, to be placed and kept in fit condition; also, that the monument be cleaned before Memorial Day, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman Doyle called up Nos. 15 and 16, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz:—

15. James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

16. Alden H. Harding, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Bromberg, Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 11, nays 1, and the appointments were confirmed.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The following constables' bonds were received, having been duly proved by the City Treasurer:—

Lyde W. Benjamin, Cornelius J. Bresnahan, Carlan A. Brown, Archibald Campbell, William W. Campbell, James M. Carter, William A. Coburn, Thomas A. Crawford, Timothy S. Cronin, Joseph P. Dever, Thomas J. Donnellon, J. Stephen Dow, Charles A. Downs, Thomas A. Dunn, Charles A. Filisetti, George W. Green, Lewis G. Grossman, John F. Harrigan, Charles P. Harrington, Joseph M. Harrington, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Edward A. Kennedy, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, John B. McDonough, James McNulty, John Mundy, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, Isaiah Paine, Jr., Alvah H. Peters, Robert Reid, John H. Riley, John J. Rogers, George J. Ryan, Henry J. Schenck, Henry C. Shrieves, Frank Yennaco.

Approved by the Board.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order authorizing the addition of certain names to the list of allowances of soldiers' relief for the month of May, 1904, and thereafter until otherwise ordered, under Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws; the amount paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions:—

Frank Dodge (referred April 25), a drum sign, at 28 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Richard Loesser (referred May 2), a watch sign, at 346 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Samuel Gans (two petitions, referred April 25), a key sign and an umbrella sign, at 4½ Appleton St., Wd. 10.

Steverman and Gibbons (referred April 25), a sign, at 50 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Jacob Werbitsky (referred April 25), a sign, at 64 Ruggles St., Wd. 18.

Charles A. Mackay (referred April 25), a sign, at 111 Park St., Wd. 23.

National Furniture Company (referred May 2), a sign, at 75 Leverett St., Wd. 5.

Mrs. Hattie C. Wright (referred April 18), a sign, at 47 Henley St., Wd. 25.

Sing Lee (referred May 2), two signs, at 279 North St., Wd. 6.

Mayer & Ewald (referred May 2), a sign, at 3 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for leave to project bay window and permanent awning—that leave granted, viz:—

John W. Reardon (referred April 18), one bay window, 260 E. Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Mercantile Wharf Corporation (referred April 25), permanent awning, 20-4 Mercantile St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to fifteen newsboys, seven bootblacks and four vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of H. H. McInnes (referred January 25), for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Marine Park Hall, 839 E. Sixth St., for the season ending August 1—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw at his own request.

(3) Reports recommending that licenses be granted as follows:—

George L. Lyman (referred today), for a merry-go-round and swings on lot on Huntington Ave., corner Parker St., for three weeks, beginning May 12.

Parker & Zozosky (referred today), for a merry-go-round on vacant lot, junction Huntington Ave. and Parker St., for one week, beginning May 23.

Arthur W. Crane (referred today), to run a passenger barge between cor. Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St. and Mt. Hope Cemetery during the present season.

Patrick J. Brady (referred April 18), to run two passenger barges between corner Walk Hill St. and Blue Hill Ave. and Mt. Hope Cemetery during the present year.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ENLARGEMENT OF STATION 6.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the enlargement of Police Station No. 6, South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LIGHTING OF PIOTTI PLACE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to provide the necessary lighting in Piotti Pl., off Franklin Ct., Wd. 16; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dangerous tree now standing in the sidewalk in front of No. 23 Oakley St., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

COMPLETION OF RETAINING WALL.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$7500 for the completion of the Freeport-St. Retaining Wall.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TAKING OF LAND.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested by this Board to take for street purposes the triangular lot of land, containing 1663 square feet, at the junction of Adams St. and Dorchester Ave., as shown on plan of proposed taking, dated Oct. 29, 1892, in the office of the City Engineer.

Passed.

LAMPS ON VARIOUS STREETS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be re-

quested to locate and maintain four gas lamps on Millet St., between Park St. and Harvard St., and five naphtha lamps on Kilton St., between Harvard St. and Washington St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

ASPHALTING OF STREETS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have asphalted Madison St., between Shawmut Ave. and Washington St., and Shawmut Ave., between Springfield St. and Massachusetts Ave.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WAPPING STREET.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light corner of Wapping and Maudlin Sts.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, the Board, at 3:45 P.M., voted to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:36 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Standard Oil Company of New York (recommitted May 2) for a license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 244 Freeport St., Wd. 24—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

(2) Report on the appointment of Thomas B. Shea as a member of the Board of Health for the term ending Apr. 30, 1907—returning the same to the Board of Aldermen for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots, 12; yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named petitioners, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners to furnish material, viz.:

John J. Kenney (referred May 2), 31-33 Calumet St., Wd. 19, brick.

J. Goldinger (referred Apr. 25), 194-200 Bremen St., Wd. 2, brick.

P. O'Hearn (referred Apr. 25), 7 Arcadia St., and on Montello St., Wd. 20, brick.

B. & M. R.R. Co. (referred Apr. 11), freight house No. 6 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4, brick.

Richard W. Hale (referred Apr. 25), 84 Burrell St., Wd. 17, brick.

David Driscoll (referred May 2), 541-549 E. First St., Wd. 14, brick.

David Martin and others (referred today), 1-7 Monks St., 693-697 Sixth St. and 686 Seventh St., Wd. 14, brick.

John E. V. Hayden (referred April 25), 1187-1189 Morton St., cor. Manchester St., Wd. 24, gravel.

George V. Wattendorf (referred May 2), 165 E. Cottage St., Wd. 16, artificial stone.

Andreas Tomfohrde (referred Apr. 25), 9-23 Wait St., Wd. 16, gravel.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Whidden & Co. (referred today), for leave to erect guy posts, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Whidden & Co. to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows: 2 in Simmons St., near Vernon St., and 2 in Vernon St., near Simmons St., Wd. 18, for use during the erection of a building; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of Joseph A. Sweeney and others (referred April 11), that an appropriation be made sufficient to put the Cottage St. bridge in safe condition for foot travel, and that said bridge be open by June 1—recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Finance.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

REPORT OF APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

Ald. CURLEY, for Ald. Bowen, submitted the following:—

The Committee on Appropriations respectfully report no further action necessary on the following papers:—

Order (referred Jan. 4), concerning appropriation for encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Order (referred Jan. 14), concerning appropriation for celebration of Evacuation Day.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning the specifying of the amounts for street improvements in each ward.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning appropriation for street improvements for Wd. 23.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning appropriation for removal of snow.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning appropriation for temporary bathing facilities at McKenzie Beach.

Order (referred Jan. 28), concerning appropriation for improvement of Bromley Park.

Order (referred Jan. 28), concerning appropriation for bleachers for Strandway playground.

Order (referred Jan. 28), concerning appropriation for street improvements for Wd. 22.

Order (referred Feb. 25), concerning appropriation for flag-pole, North End Park.

Order (referred Feb. 25), concerning appropriation for celebration of Patriots' Day.

Order (referred March 3), concerning payment for teams in Street Department.

Order (referred March 3), concerning appropriation for celebration of June Seventeenth.

Order (referred March 3), concerning appropriation for celebration of Memorial Day.

Order (referred Feb. 1), concerning salaries of captains of ferry boats.

Order (referred March 7), for an appropriation for rowing regatta, July Fourth.

Petition (referred March 21), of Citizens

Trade Association of East Boston for the filling and construction of Cottage St.

For the Committee,
Patrick Bowen, Chairman.

Accepted. Sent down.

CLOSING OF BAKER ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the Baker St. bridge, Wd. 23, to public travel for one week, or during the work of repairing the same.

Passed.

REPLACING OF COTTAGE ST. BRIDGE

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Finance Committee be requested to provide in the next loan the sum of \$7500 as a special appropriation for replacing the Cottage St. footbridge, East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SIDEWALK, BOWDOIN AVE.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Bowdoin Ave., from No. 21 to the corner of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SEWER DIVISION EMPLOYEES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place the employees of the Sewer Division upon a permanent basis.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in connection with this order I desire to state that the Committee on Appropriations, in considering the appropriation bill recommended to them by His Honor the Mayor, saw fit to increase the appropriation for the Sewer Division by the sum of \$10,000. The understanding among the members of the Committee on Appropriations was that this \$10,000 would be used for the purpose of placing employees of the Sewer Division, who are working as laborers, upon a permanent basis. A mistaken impression prevails among many city officials in regard to the working of that particular branch of the Street Department. The men who are employed in the Sewer Division are exposed not only to dangers to life and limb, but to bodily health as well, from the nature of the work; and, since there are but about 300 men employed as laborers, and \$8000, or, as the extreme amount, \$10,000, will undoubtedly be sufficient to place the department on a permanent basis, paying those men for wet days, which they lose at the present time, I trust that the order will be passed. The order was passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, at 5.50 P.M., to meet on Monday, May 16, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, May 16, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Kneeland, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:—

(1) Frederick L. Dodge (125 Murdock St., Wd. 25), Charles Warren Hapgood (Cambridge) and John B. Sticher (95 Litchfield St., Wd. 25), to be Weighers of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1905.

(2) Stephen J. King (111 West Third St.), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and were referred to the Committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

E. G. Franklin, two signs, at 10 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Chandler W. Smith, an illuminated sign, at 120 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

M. G. Whitehouse, a corner sign, at the corner of Washington St. and Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

J. W. Brodbine, an unlettered lamp, at 1103 Washington St., Wd. 9.

W. W. Le Gacy & Co., an illuminated sign, at 454 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Master Mariners' Club, a pennant, at 154 State St., Wd. 6.

Manuel Lewis, a sign, at 231 Westfield St., Wd. 18.

Epstein Brothers, an illuminated sign, at 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

W. J. Anderson, an illuminated sign, at 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Claims.

Patrick H. Sullivan, to be paid one year's salary as draw-tender at Cragie's Bridge, on account of alleged illegal discharge and also for compensation for labor in excess of eight hours per diem.

L. Martin & Co., to be paid \$85—expense incurred on account of the alleged neglect of the city in not connecting with the sewer a pipe at 46 Travers St.

Martha Driscoll, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall in front of 1511 Dorchester Ave.

Timothy J. Crowley, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect in Kent St.

Therese Goulston, for compensation for damage to her property at 25 Gaston St., caused by a contractor in building a drain for the city.

George Hagopian, for compensation for damages to his horse caused by an alleged defect in the street in front of 82 Elmo St., Dorchester.

The J. B. King Transportation Co., for compensation for injury to schooner Calabria by collision with steamer J. Putnam Bradley.

Electric Wires.

Boston Central Labor Union, that the Board refuse permits to any company for

the erection of poles unless the work is to be done by citizens of the United States. The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to attach wires and fixtures to a tree on Sixth St., corner of 1 St.

Same company, for leave to relocate one pole on Heath St., near Lawn St., Wd. 19.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

National Lancers, for the use of Faneuil Hall on June 14.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Mrs. Doering, for the removal of a tree, at 130 Eustis St.

Licenses.

Petitions for leave to run passenger barges, viz:—

Edward P. Doody, two barges, between junction of Washington and Morton Sts. and Forest Hills Cemetery.

John J. Martin, barges, as follows: Between the corner of Centre and La Grange Sts. and St. Joseph's Cemetery and Martin Luther Home, during the present season; and between Highland station and the corner of Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery, on Sundays and holidays.

James E. Curry, one barge, between corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St. and Calvary and Mt. Hope Cemeteries, on Memorial Day.

Alvin Spear, barges, between Highland station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery; between corner of La Grange and Centre Sts. and the Newton and Dedham lines; and between W. Roxbury and Spring St. stations and the Newton and Dedham lines.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Report of Major P. J. Grady Command No. 189, S. W. V., of Memorial Day expenses.

Railroads.

Protest of F. M. Stanwood, jr., et als., against the removal of the transfer station of the Boston Elevated Railway Company from the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Beacon St. to the corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Boylston St.

Public Improvements.

E. Noyes Whitcomb & Co., for leave to erect two guy posts on Norway St., Wd. 10.

Estate of Henry C. Richards, for leave to lay a square block representing a Greek cross in sidewalk, at 174 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Susan W. Hardy, for leave to construct a coal hole opening in sidewalk at 6 Haymarket Sq., Wd. 6.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move a wooden building from Arborway near Pond St., to Orchard St., Wd. 23.

Andrew J. Peters and others, that an entrance to Arnold Arboretum be constructed from Walter St., Wd. 23.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

S. M. Shapleigh, 619-621 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11.

H. Bencks, cor. W. Third and F Sts., Wd. 14.

John Cronin, P St., cor. of 906 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

Max Lebowich, 14-20 Linwood St., Wd. 18.

American Steam Gauge & Valve Co., 220 Camden St., Wd. 18.

B. F. Hamilton, 24 Linwood St., Wd. 19.

Michael McBride, 35 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

Christina M. Ward, 9-11 Brookford St., Wd. 16.

Robert A. Moore, School St., side of estate 36 Bradlee St., Wd. 20.

Clarence B. Humphreys, 71 Stanley St., Wd. 20.

James F. Kelly, 38 Sagamore St., Wd. 20.

Boyd & Berry, southerly corner of E. Cottage St. and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Street Commissioners.

Heirs of Lemuel Clapp, & Als., that Graham St., Wd. 16, be opened as a public passageway.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds:—

James J. Clark, George C. Davis, John A. Duggan, Thomas Fee, John J. Franey, George E. Harrington, John Harrington, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, John H. Jennings, William M. Macdonald, Thomas F. Malone, Osborn A. Newton, Cornelius F. Sullivan, James H. Waugh, George F. Wentworth.

Approved by the Board.

PETROLEUM LICENSES.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of the approval of petitions for licenses in connection with oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of products of petroleum, as follows:—

Henry E. Wright & Sons, to store and keep, at Wales Pl., Wd. 20.

Egleston Sq. Hardware & Plumbing Co., to store and keep for sale at 3105 Washington St., Wd. 22.

Peerless Motor Car Co., to store and keep for sale, at 36 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10.

H. E. Wright & Sons, to store and keep, at 459 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown.

Boston Yacht Club, to store and keep for sale at Columbia Road, near O St., South Boston.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Notice was received by the Fire Commissioner of the disapproval of the petition of Franklin K. Brown to keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 141 Cambridge St.

The petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to erect poles for the support of electric wires, viz:—

1. New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, thirty-eight poles on Morton St., between Evans and Sanford Sts., Ward 24.

Frank Wood, of 34 Alban St., John J. Delea, of 972 Morton St., and Miss C. W. Hoffman, of 34 Haskins St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

Ald. WHELTON presented a remonstrance from Charles Coulter against the erection of the proposed poles.

Mr. Wood desired to have the poles, if they must be put up, of the Providence pattern, or straight hard pine poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Same company, fourteen poles on Olney St., between Geneva Ave. and Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

The Chairman stated that the company had withdrawn the petition so far as it relates to the two poles near Geneva Ave., their petition now being for twelve poles instead of fourteen poles.

William Murray, of 6 Mercer St., South Boston, appeared and objected to the proposed poles, as a property owner on the street.

The following property owners on Olney St. also appeared and objected:—

Lucy E. Brainerd, of 39 Olney St.; Sarah E. Estey, 61 Olney St.; Emilio Brougnoni, 38 Olney St., and Nicholas Furlong, 853 Washington St., Dedham.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, thirty-four poles on Compton Huntington Ave., Wds. 19 and 22.

No objections. Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Bromberg.

4. Same company, eight poles on South St., between Walk Hill and Bussey Sts., Wd. 23.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. On petition of Ansel McCarrison and Willard E. Burnham, for leave to project bay-windows, viz: One over P St., one over East Fourth St., and one over the corner of P and East Fourth Sts, from building on the northeasterly corner of said streets, Wd. 14.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman Doyle called up Nos. 6 and 7, unfinished business, viz:—

Action on appointments by the Mayor, viz:—

6. Bartlett S. Waterman, to be Measurer of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

7. Albert F. Lyons and James E. Fitzpatrick, to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Whelton and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

COMPENSATION FOR COURT CONSTABLE.

A communication was received from Justice Bosson of the Police Court of Chelsea giving notice of the appointment of Mr. John F. Sullivan as constable of the court, and fixing his confirmation at \$1000 per annum, subject to the approval of the Board acting as County Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts, on motion of Ald. Quigley.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Thomas F. McMahon, for leave to project one bay window from building No. 197 E St., Wd. 15,—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, at 3 P. M., when any persons desiring to object may appear and be heard.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc., recommending that leave be granted, as follows:—

E. G. Franklin (referred today), to project two signs at 10 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

J. W. Brodbine (referred today), to project an unlettered lamp at 1103 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Master Mariners Club (referred today), to project a pennant at 154 State St., Wd. 6.

M. J. Whitehouse (referred today), corner sign, corner Washington St. and Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Kelley Bros. Co. (referred May 2), two unlettered lamps, 304-8 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Vincent Rution (referred May 9), sign, 111 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Pietro Chiavone (referred May 9), sign, 16 Avery St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted.

Also reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows, as follows:—

Patrick Tivnan (petition recommitted March 28), 2, from building 5 Washburn St., Wd. 16.

Mrs. Charlotte F. Dunn, and another (recommitted Apr. 25), 2, from building 12-14 Wood St., Wd. 5.

Ellen M. Hanlon (recommitted May 2), 1, from building 1631 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20. Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted, as follows:—

Alvin Spear, to run passenger barges between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery; between corner La Grange and Centre Sts., and Newton and Dedham lines; and between West Roxbury and Spring St. Stations and the Newton and Dedham lines.

John J. Martin, to run passenger barges as follows: Between the corner of Centre and La Grange Sts., and St. Joseph's Cemetery and Martin Luther Home, during the present season; and between Highland Station and the corner of Corey and Centre Sts. and Mt. Benedict Cemetery on Sundays and Holidays.

James E. Curry, to run a passenger barge between corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St. and Calvary and Mt. Hope Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

Edward P. Doody, to run two passenger barges between junction of Washington and Morton Sts., and Forest Hills Cemetery.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 23 newsboys, 4 boot-blacks and 5 venders.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles on various streets in Boston.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered—That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed April 4) to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Brentwood St., between Athol St. and Franklin St., Wd. 25. No. of poles, 4; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; date of plan, March 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered—That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed February 29) to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Brooks St., between Parkman and Newton Sts., Wd. 25. No. of poles, 2; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, January 30, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered—That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed March 14) to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Pierce Ave. near Adams St., Wd. 24. No. of poles, 5; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 6 ft.; date of plan, Dec. 17, 1903.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered—That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed March 21), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

River street near Blue Hill Avenue, Wd. 24. No. of poles, 2; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; date of plan, Feb. 17, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(e) Ordered—That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed March 14), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Raymond street, near Westford street, Wd. 25. No. of poles, 1; Height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 6 ft.; date of plan, Feb. 12, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(f) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed May 9), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Seaver St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Normandy St., Wd. 20. 3 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, Feb. 27, 1903.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(g) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed May 9), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Newton St., near Brooks St., Wd. 25, 3 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, April 14, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(h) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed May 9), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Clayton St., from Greenwich St. to Granger St., Wd. 24, 6 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, March 18, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

20) Report on petition of Brookline Gas Light Co. (recommitted April 18), for leave to erect fifteen poles on Tremont street, Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by J. A. Gould; said poles to be located as follows:—

Tremont street, between Washington street and the Newton line, Wd. 25: No. of pole, 15; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 30 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.; date of plan, March 19, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on petition of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Feb. 15).—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Three of the Ordinances of 1899, its wires and fixtures to eight trees on Brown Ave., between Ashland and Poplar Sts., Wd. 23, shown on a plan dated January 16, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Report on petition of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Feb. 29).—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to

the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow the attachment of, and to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach, the wires and fixtures of said telephone company to three poles of said gas light company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25, between No. 44 on said avenue and Faneuil St., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by white dots on a plan dated January 14, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on petition of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted May 9).—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow the attachment of, and to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach, the wires and fixtures of said telephone company to one pole of said gas light company on Commonwealth Ave., near Essex St., Wd. 25, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said pole being shown by a white dot on a plan dated February 18, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on the petition of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted February 15), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., to attach, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Three of the Ordinances of 1899, its wires and fixtures to three trees on Florence St., near Ashland St., West Roxbury, as shown on a plan dated December 10, 1903, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(7) Report on petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (recommitted May 9), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and of the West End Street Railway Company to attach, the wires of said railway company to one pole of said telephone company on Main St., Wd. 4, west of the Boston & Maine Railroad Crossing, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said pole being shown by a black dot on a plan made by C. H. Hile, dated April 30, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(8) Report on petition of Brookline Gas Light Co. (recommitted May 9), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and to the Brookline Gas Light Company to attach, the cross-arms and wires of said gas light company to two poles of said telephone company on Chester St., Brighton, north from Brighton Ave., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by red dots on a plan dated February 15, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rules.

(9) Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles on various streets—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz:—

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (recommitted March 28), for leave to erect one pole on W. Seventh street.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of

Mass. (recommitted May 9), for leave to erect 13 poles on Thetford avenue, Wd. 24. Reports severally accepted.

LOAN FOR \$1,825,000.

Alderman Slattery, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:—

The Committee on Finance, having considered the various requests for loans referred to them, respectfully recommends the passage of the accompanying loan order for One Million Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,825,000), consisting of three items, which, in the opinion of the committee, are of such pressing importance as to demand immediate action.

(Councilman Conway of Wd. 23 dissents from the foregoing report.)

Ordered—That the sum of One Million Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,825,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount, viz:—

Insane Hospital Department.	
Furnishing of new buildings at	
Austin Farm.....	\$25,000
School-house Department.	
Land and buildings for schools.....	1,500,000
Street Department.	
Street improvements.....	300,000
	\$1,825,000

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Alderman Quigley.

GAS LAMP, GORDON COURT.

Alderman Curley offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect and maintain a gas lamp on Gordon Court, off Hampden street, Wd. 17; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

ONE DAY IN FIVE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered the following:—
An ordinance relative to the Fire Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto another section to be known as "Section 7," providing that "Said commissioner shall grant to each member of the Fire Department one day's leave of absence in every five days, without loss of pay."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, on motion of Ald. Curley.

LAYING OUT OF MALLETT ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Mallett St., Dorchester, as a public way.

Passed. Sent down.

POLES IN WALTER ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That notice be given to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. that this Board will, on Monday, May 23, 1904, at three o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of ordering the relocation of certain poles of said company on Walter St., between Jones and Weld Sts., from the westerly side to the easterly side of said Walter St.

Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires.

CLOSING OF STANWOOD STREET.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Stanwood St., between Columbia Road and Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20, to public travel, for a period of ten days, or during the construction of sewer across said street.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS REVISED.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That so much of the orders of the Board of Aldermen as levied assessments for sidewalk construction against the following estates and owners thereof be, and the same is hereby, rescinded the same being erroneously assessed:—

Wd. 20, No. 131 Savin Hill Ave., Louisa Donkin, \$39.02.

Wd. 20, No. 135 Savin Hill Ave., Louisa Donkin, \$37.76.

Wd. 20, Savin Hill Ave., at Woodland Ave., Charles H. Conant, \$30.13.

Wd. 20, 215 Harvard St., Mary H. Cashman, \$78.12.

The estate numbered 215 Harvard St., Wd. 20, is hereby assessed as follows:—

Mary H. Cashman and Nellie J. Cashman, correct owners, \$78.12.

Passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing opposite No. 30 Humphreys St., Wd. 16; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove a tree in front of estate No. 9 Thomas Park, South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed.

ONE DAY IN FIVE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. KNEELAND offered the following:
An ordinance to establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in Section 1 by inserting in the eighth line hereof, after the word "firemen" the words: "whose hours of labor for the city shall not exceed four days out of five."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

SIDEWALK, FRANCIS PARKMAN SCHOOLHOUSE.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the Walk Hill St. side of the Francis Parkman School, Wd. 23, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stone, the schoolhouse commission to furnish the material.

Passed.

AUTOMOBILE PARADE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following streets during the parade of the Massachusetts Automobile Club on the afternoon of May 28, 1904, viz:—

Huntington Ave., at Exeter St., to Copley Sq., Dartmouth St., Boylston St., Arlington St., Beacon St., to St. Mary's St.

Passed.

DEFECTIVE AREA COVERINGS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the following named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas of coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of chapter five of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz:—

Streets and names of supposed owners or agents.

350 Columbus Ave., Jason S. Bailey, owner.
 486 Columbus Ave., Ether C. Brown, owner.
 488 Columbus Ave., Fred W. Hobbs, owner.
 7 Columbus Ave., Robert Austin, owner.
 125 Pembroke St., Edward F. Dunham, owner.
 42 Rutland Sq., W. W. Estabrook, owner.
 21 Rutland Sq., Margaret J. Nagle, owner.
 14 Rutland Sq., Gardiner A. Morse, owner.
 20 Albion St., Israel Morse, owner.
 22 Albion St., Israel Morse, owner.
 35 Dover St., Rose A. Dooley, owner.
 39 W. Springfield St., Lewis P. Kaufman, agent.
 74 W. Newton St., Thomas M. Roast, owner.
 86 Worcester St., Electa M. Pond, owner.
 36 Worcester St., Mr. Ramsden, owner.
 13 Gray St., Quincey & Co., owners.
 194 W. Brookline, Elizabeth Macdonald, owner.
 10 Fairfield St., Frank S. White, owner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted a report on the petition of the National Lancers (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall on June 14—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, the Board voted, at 3:48 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:04 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that

the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

E. Noyes Whitcomb & Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows:—

One opposite Norway St.
 One opposite vacant lot on Norway St., about 100 feet west of Huntington Ave., Wd. 10; and to stretch guy ropes over and across Falmouth St., Wd. 10, for use during the erection of a building.

Susan W. Hardy, to construct, maintain and use an 18-inch coal hole opening, with an iron cover, in the sidewalk in front of estate 6 Haymarket Sq., Wd. 6.

Estate of Henry C. Richards, to lay, maintain and use a block 12 inches square representing a Greek cross, without lettering, in the sidewalk in front of estate 174 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted; orders passed.
 (2) Reports on petitions referred May 9, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, as follows:—

Henrietta P. Fitzgerald, 65 Wayland St., Wd. 16, gravel, with granite edgestones.

Joanna C. Gott, 919 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14, brick.

Joshua B. Richmond, 310 Beacon St., Wd. 11, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

H. A. Black, 51-55 Centre St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. Julia S. McAvoy, 8 Draper St., Wd. 20, brick.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the loan order for \$1,825,000 (reported today by the Committee on Finance and referred to Committee on Public Improvements)—recommending the passage of the order as reported.

Report accepted; said order passed—yeas 12, nays 0. (Ald. Bowen being absent.) Sent down.

NO CONTAGIOUS HOSPITAL, WD. 23.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That no person shall establish or maintain, or occupy, or use, a hospital for contagious diseases in Wd. 23 of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Hospital Department.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. SLATTERY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 6:08 P.M., on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, to meet on Monday, May 23, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, May 19, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

TENEMENT HOUSE COMMISSION REPORT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
May 19, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I have the honor herewith to transmit the report of the Commission appointed by me on April 15, 1903, to investigate tenement-house conditions in Boston and to make such recommendations for the improvement thereof as in their judgment might be wise and practicable. The public spirited gentlemen who addressed themselves to this enquiry have performed their duties in a most conscientious manner, and are entitled to the thanks of the community.

I suggest that the report, with the accompanying appendices, be printed as a public document.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston, May 18, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request of April 15th, 1903, we have investigated tenement house conditions in Boston and beg leave to submit the following report:—

The problem of the tenement house in the large city has been receiving increased attention during recent years, because it is generally recognized that many of the physical and moral evils incident to city life have their root in bad housing conditions. While cities differ from each other in the menace which this problem offers, it would be unsafe for any city to presume to be free from it. To say that Boston conditions are not as bad as those in other cities does not for a moment remedy the evils which can be found here as in all cities. Mr. Robert W. DeForest, the recent Tenement House Commissioner of New York City, has said that "the impressive lesson which New York has to teach other cities more fortunately situated than itself is to begin tenement regulation in time, and thus prevent any repetition of the terrible evils which confront New York, and from which she can not now altogether escape. There is no difficulty and no hardship in preventing unsanitary tenements from being built. There is every difficulty, and in the minds of some people there is much hardship, in changing them after they have once been wrongly built."

Your Commission has found upon investigation that notwithstanding the efficient work of the Health Department, there are many conditions in existing tenement houses which need further remedy. An examination of more than five thousand reports of separate tenement houses made by the Health Department inspectors during the past three years reveals better than any independent investigation your Commission could have made the conditions prevailing in Boston tenement houses when these reports were made. Such portions of the reports as were most significant have been transferred by the Statistics Department to separate cards, and these cards have been arranged by wards and carefully tabulated. The results of this work are given in Appendix A.

With reference to the construction of new tenement houses your Commission

finds that the present laws with regard to fireproof construction make the building, within the fire limits, of tenement houses in which low rents can be asked quite impracticable. Such construction has largely ceased. The statistics of building in Boston during 1903 show that only 108 houses for three or more families were constructed. Of these 88 were for three families alone and are not at present classed as tenement houses. Sixteen were for three families above a store, one for five families without a store, one for six families above a store, and one a costly apartment house for twenty-three families. In 1903, therefore, only nineteen tenement houses were constructed affording apartments at moderate rentals. The large increase in the number of three-family houses outside the fire limits indicates the lack of needed brick buildings within those limits. The conclusion that the building of good, low-priced tenement houses needs to be encouraged, would seem to be justified.

The Commission recognizes the justice of the complaint of many property owners of the South and West Ends that present laws make it practically impossible for them to reconstruct dwelling houses into four-story apartment houses without incurring a burden of expense greater than the possible income will warrant. As a result most of these houses, no longer occupied as formerly by a well-to-do class of single families, have become boarding and lodging houses, and there has been a general depreciation in their value. It would seem both safe and wise to provide for the alteration of such houses into tenement houses of second class construction by relaxing the requirements that they be "plastered on incombustible materials throughout" and removing the limitation of the number of families which may occupy each house. If the stairways are made fireproof and the rooms be properly lighted and ventilated; if also, there be sufficient open area on the lot each house occupies; there will be no increase of danger in the reconstruction proposed. The Commission would approve the extension of the fire limits to include all the thickly-populated sections of the city, and at the same time would recommend such changes in the building laws as to make it possible to build within those limits adequate tenement houses not over fifty feet in height in which low rentals can be charged. This would be to the advantage of many tenants who need to live nearer to their work than is possible now, and would also aid landlords in improving property which at the present time is furnishing no adequate return.

In Appendix B are given tables prepared by the Statistics Department showing the facts concerning the fires occurring during the year 1902, in both tenement and dwelling houses. It will be noticed that by far the larger portion of the fires were caused by carelessness and that the structural losses were comparatively small.

In this connection attention is called to the frequent evasion of the laws with regard to the alteration of dwelling houses. The present law defines a tenement house as "a building which, or any portion of which, is occupied, or intended to be occupied, as a dwelling by more than three families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises; or by more than two families above the first story so living and cooking." There are many tenement houses in the city today under this definition which are only dwelling houses in fact. The owners secure permits for the construction of dwelling houses or the alteration of old buildings as dwelling houses, and when the work is completed proceed to crowd in four or more families. Although, in the course of time the health inspectors discover the situation, it is too late to change the building. The result is overcrowding, improper provision of light and ventila-

tion, and a lack of many conditions necessary to a sanitary house.

The present laws are especially inadequate in their failure to designate definitely proper requirements for open spaces on the lot on which a tenement house is built. The fact that many ells and sheds have been found within the last year or two to occupy an unreasonable amount of space in the back yards reveals this laxity of the laws, which now permit such buildings. Although the Health Department has effected most salutary changes in many sections of the city by causing the old wooden ells and sheds to be removed, they find it at present impossible to order down the new brick ells which are occasionally being constructed to the extreme rear of the lot.

The light which has been thrown by medical science upon the causes and prevention of tuberculosis has made it clear that hitherto not enough attention has been paid in tenement-house construction to yard spaces and courts. While in the City of Boston extreme protection against fire has been insured by the laws, there has not been enough attention paid to light and air. Although the statistics of tuberculosis in this City have not been collected by districts for a sufficiently long period to furnish an impressive statistical argument, it is nevertheless true that tuberculosis thrives upon overcrowded housing conditions, and that its chief remedy is a life in the open air, even in the cold weather of winter. Tables are given in Appendix C, which show the proportion of deaths from pneumonia and tuberculosis occurring in tenement houses during a single year.

Five members of the Commission with the Secretary and Dr. E. M. Hartwell have visited New York and made a careful examination of tenement house conditions in that city, including the improved houses constructed under the new Tenement House Act. Visits were made to Jersey City and Hoboken under the leadership of members of the New Jersey Tenement House Commission. The smaller houses in Brooklyn were contrasted with the larger tenement houses of Manhattan. This study of New York conditions under the operation of the recent Tenement House Act of New York State has led a majority of the Commission to believe that a complete Tenement House Act, embracing within itself both such details of construction as are of peculiar importance to this class of buildings and all proper regulations for the maintenance of such houses, would be, if rightly drawn, a great advantage both to landlords and tenants in the City of Boston. At the present time the laws governing the construction and maintenance of tenement houses in Boston are scattered in various acts of the Legislature and are not easily accessible to those unfamiliar with the statutes. Your Commission has, therefore, drawn up "An Act Relative to the Construction and Maintenance of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston." A careful endeavor has been made to codify in this Act all existing provisions of law which appeared to the Commission to be of permanent value and to make such changes or additions as seemed to be in the interest of the future. The form of the Act is based on the New York Act, and many of the sections of that Act have been incorporated, representing, as they do, the best judgment of a large Commission of able men appointed in 1900 by Governor Roosevelt. The Act recommended by this New York Commission and adopted by the Legislature has been in operation since January 1st, 1902. It has withstood the severest criticism both from its enemies and its friends. Some slight amendments have been made to it, and it now represents the most carefully considered judgment on the tenement house problem as it exists in New York city, which has thus far been offered to the public.

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The Act offered by the Commission is not considered final in its form or content. It is simply a careful attempt to gather together the essential requirements for the construction and maintenance of adequate and wholesome tenement houses in the city of Boston. Before it is introduced into the Legislature for enactment, it should have careful legal revision. The Commission recognizes that it is quite possible that some of its provisions could be better enacted either as separate laws or as amendments to existing laws. This Act is offered as a whole in order to present the tenement house problem and its suggested solution as concisely as possible.

It is fair to state that some members of the Commission are of the opinion that the draft of law herewith submitted should not, in the first instance, at least, be enacted into law by the Legislature, but should serve as the basis of regulations having the force of law to be framed by a Commission to whom should be given general power over the whole tenement house question. This suggestion is made on the further belief that regulations having the force of law, but subject to change where the needed change has been demonstrated, will better subserve the purpose sought by this Commission.

It has been claimed by some that the hardships involved in the enforcement of new sanitary requirements in old houses, originally built according to the laws in force at the time, made such enforcement unjust and even unconstitutional. This matter has been settled in New York, and the account of the case is most instructive. The new New York Tenement House Act required certain changes in the sanitary fittings in a tenement house, and a landlord was ordered to make the changes. She demurred on the ground that the state of her premises did not impair the public health, that the premises were built in accordance with law and were maintained in good condition, and that the requirement of the law was unreasonable and unconstitutional in that it worked a confiscation and spoliation of her property. Suit was brought against her in the Municipal Court for failing to comply with the law. Every juror was an owner of a tenement house, and one was also a prominent builder. The jury brought in a verdict against the landlord. The case then went to the Supreme Court, and the decision of the jury in the lower court was sustained. The opinion written by Justice O'Brien takes the strongest ground in support of new sanitary legislation to supersede old requirements found insufficient to safeguard the public. It says: "The most drastic requirements may as a proper exercise of this (the police) power be sanctioned, with the limitation merely that they are upon their face no more than reasonable in view of the evil sought to be overcome."

The "Real Estate Record and Guide" of New York city, originally opposed to the new laws, has recently expressed itself editorially as follows:—

"The passage of the new tenement-house law in 1901, and the organization of the tenement house department which followed, was the first serious attempt to provide a machinery, both legal and administrative, adequate to cope with the tenement house evil in all its bearings. That machinery has now been in existence for about two years, and its value and effect are clearly discernible. Mr. DeForest claims that the legislation has, on the whole, been a success; that it has solved the tenement-house problem in New York, so far as it can be solved by law and departmental supervision. With this opinion the Record and Guide is disposed to agree. The builders, speculators and property owners most interested in tenement-house property regarded the law in the beginning with the utmost suspicion, because they doubted whether the class of tenements required by the new law could be profitably erected.

and they were only too well aware how disastrous would be the result of insisting on the erection of a kind of building which was too good for the pockets of the people who were to inhabit the rooms. These fears proved to be groundless. It took six months or more to readjust the speculative building of tenement houses to the new conditions, but thereafter it is probable that the erection of such accommodations proceeded about as fast under the new law as it would have proceeded under the old law. Builders and property owners have become reconciled to the higher standard. The former have found that new law tenements rent quickly and can be built at a profit; the latter find they can make necessary changes in old tenements not only without loss, but with an actual benefit to their pocket."

It is worthy of note that the example set by New York is being followed in many cities. Chicago has already adopted a city housing ordinance, based on the New York Act. In Cleveland the Industrial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has investigated housing conditions. In Cincinnati one of the leading architects of the city has been preparing a new code of laws adapting the New York laws to local conditions. The Legislature of the State of New Jersey has recently passed an Act based on the report of a special commission, recommending new housing laws, applicable to all the larger cities of the State. The last Pennsylvania legislature passed a tenement-house law for cities of the second class. Hartford has begun a movement for better housing laws, and in both Baltimore and Washington the first steps have been taken to the same end. In Philadelphia an exhaustive investigation of local housing conditions has been made.

Boston has not been unmindful of the housing problem in the past years. Following the great fire of 1872 a stringent building code was established, which was remodelled in 1885 and again in 1892 and 1894. This code includes many special provisions for tenement houses. In 1885 was passed an Act "in relation to the preservation of health in buildings in the city of Boston." The greater part of this act is still in force. Various amendments to these codes have been made, and a considerable number of separate laws referring to tenement houses have been passed. There have also been several important investigations into tenement-house conditions made during recent years. In 1888 the first of these was conducted by Professor Dwight Porter of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Three years later the State Bureau of Statistics of Labor made an exhaustive report under the direction of Mr. Horace G. Wadlin. In 1895 a special committee of the Common Council investigated conditions in the North End and reported that the tenement houses there were "a serious menace to public health." The Twentieth Century Club published in 1898 a pamphlet describing a large number of typical tenement houses, with plans illustrating the area of lot covered. In the following year the State Bureau of Statistics of Labor issued another report, making comparisons with the first report in 1891 on tenement conditions in special districts. During the past three years the Health Department has collected the special reports on each tenement house in the city, which have already been quoted above.

These various investigations and reports all show the existence of an important problem. It has been the purpose of the Commission to aid in the solution of this problem by codifying and strengthening the tenement-house laws. The act, herewith presented, attempts to state clearly and definitely such requirements as have been found to be of unquestionable value to both the owners and the occupants of tenement houses. The idea that such legislation is necessarily a hardship either to the landlord or the tenant is clearly disproved by the experience in New York. Well-constructed, well-lighted, and well-

ventilated houses are a better investment for capitalists, and are better homes for the people than houses which disregard sanitary provisions and are allowed to deteriorate from neglect.

The object of incorporating details of construction in the same act with details of maintenance is in order that the whole tenement-house requirement, with the exception of such technical building details as are common to all buildings, may be easily accessible. It is the opinion of the Commission that instead of six or seven thousand tenement houses there will be in Boston in the near future twice or three times that number. Notwithstanding any possible growth of the suburbs, there is sure to be an increasing number of people who will find it to their advantage to live within a comparatively short distance of their work. While it is perfectly possible to prevent improper construction in the future, it surely will be impossible to so distribute the population from the present congested centres of the city as to make tenement houses no longer necessary.

In view of the revision of the Building Laws of Boston, which the Commission understands will be made in the near future, no attempt has been made to define with precision those technical building requirements and details of protection from fire which would more naturally fall under the general regulations for all buildings. Such matters as are covered in the Act presented seem to the Commission to be of especial importance to tenement houses, and therefore to demand a place in a tenement-house act.

With reference to the administration of this Act, your Commission believes that there should be an intimate relation between the Health and Building Departments, both of which are necessarily responsible for the condition of tenement houses. It is important that the policy adopted in each department should be harmonious with that of the other. All details of construction are naturally in charge of the Building Department. The care of a tenement house after its completion falls to the Health Department. There should be a mutual understanding between the two departments in regard to the interpretation of the laws governing tenement houses in order that neither tenant nor landlord may suffer from any disagreement.

In view of the great increase in the number of tenement house which will of necessity occur if the provisions of this Act are adopted, and which may also be expected from the natural growth of the city, the Commission considers it quite possible that the time will arise in the near future when a separate Tenement House Department may be necessary for the proper administration of tenement-house laws. Such a department is not recommended at the present time. With a suitable increase in the staff of inspectors in both the Building and Health Departments there seems to be no reason why this Act cannot be enforced adequately in all its provisions. We would recommend, however, that provision be made in the Health Department for a more complete system of records of the separate tenement houses of the city and a more constant supervision of all such houses. If some one member of the Board of Health were especially appointed to supervise tenement-house administration, there would undoubtedly be a gain in the efficiency with which the tenement-house problems are treated.

Especial attention is called by the Commission in the Act herewith presented to certain provisions which are important modifications or additions to existing laws:

(4) DEFINITION OF "TENEMENT HOUSE." In view of the fact that the problems presented by the common rights and privileges of three families living together in one house, although in separate apartments, are the same problems presented in houses where more than three families are so living, your Commission is led to the inclusion of

all three-family houses under the definition of tenement house. With reference to this change the Health Department, in its report for 1900, expressed its opinion as follows: "Under the law, a tenement house in Massachusetts is one occupied by four or more families, while in New York it is one occupied by three families, which was the law in Massachusetts until the statute was amended in 1894. This change was, in the opinion of the Board of Health, a step in the wrong direction, as a great majority of the three-family houses require supervision fully as much as do four-family houses, and are equally in need of semi-annual inspection and of the benefits of the law compelling whitewashing." After extended investigation, your Commission unanimously concurs in this opinion. Even though families do not consist of more than one person the problems referred to are sure to arise. The only objection presented to the Commission against this definition of a tenement house was based on the high cost of building small tenement houses under present laws. It is believed that the provisions of this Act materially lessen that cost, and that, therefore, this objection is largely removed.

(2) **CELLARS AND BASEMENTS.** It has seemed desirable to establish a distinction between cellars and basements, and the definition in Section 1 of the Act are drawn in order that this distinction may be perfectly clear. Your Commission cannot see any good reason why cellars, as defined in this Act, should be occupied as apartments. Even under the best of sanitary conditions any story of a house more than three-fifths below the average grade of the street is not a fit place for human habitation. Since, however, it may be a hardship to enforce the prohibition against the occupancy of cellars too rapidly, a discretionary power has been left to the Board of Health with reference to the matter.

(3) **THICKNESS OF WALLS.** The Commission presents Sect. 5, relaxing the present requirements for the thickness of walls in tenement houses, in the interest of such persons as may desire to build small tenement houses. It is believed that the provisions recommended involve no danger and would aid materially in the profitable reconstruction of many existing dwelling houses into tenement houses producing a fair return on their cost.

(4) **PROTECTION FROM FIRE.** While the Commission recommends some relaxation of the present laws with reference to fireproof construction, great care has been taken to define clearly the requirements for stairs and public halls, which must be of sufficient size and properly lighted and enclosed in fireproof partitions. If the requirements suggested are carefully observed, the risk from fire does not seem to the Commission to be materially greater than under present requirements.

(5) **PERCENTAGE OF LOT OCCUPIED.** The present law making it possible to measure the lot making it possible to measure to the middle of the street in estimating the percentage of a lot which may be built upon defeats the whole purpose of the provisions of the New York Act, fixing the exact percentage, measured on the lot itself, are more satisfactory. It seems to the Commission, however, that the desired end is reached by specific requirements with reference to the sizes of courts and yards and the proper lighting and ventilation of rooms. When these requirements are all met the exact percentage of the lot actually occupied by a tenement house becomes a matter of unimportance.

(6) **YARDS AND COURTS.** While it may seem at first glance to be unnecessary to define with such definiteness the minimum sizes of yards and courts, the Commission finds abundant reason to believe that these provisions will be of inestimable value to the occupants of all tenement houses hereafter constructed. Nothing so impresses the vis-

itor to New York on examination of tenement-house conditions as the striking contrast between the large open areas on the lots of new-law tenement houses and the contracted courts and shafts of the old houses, many of which are not more than 25 inches in width. The gain in light and ventilation throughout the new buildings is most marked. Although there are no dumbbell tenement houses in Boston, with the narrow air-shafts between, there are many yards which are too small and many separate house with inadequate light and ventilation. Since yard and court areas are so easily encroached upon by speculative builders, unless prevented by rigid laws, it has seemed to the Commission desirable to state the requirements with the utmost detail.

(7) **DARK ROOMS.** One of the unfortunate possibilities under existing laws is the building of new buildings containing rooms with insufficient light. The Health Department has called attention to this matter in more than one of its reports. Careful provision, therefore, has been made so that every living room, even in existing houses, shall have ample access to the outside air made imperative.

(8) **DARK HALLS.** Careful attention has been paid to the lighting of halls. Dark halls are undesirable and dangerous from every point of view. Tenants have a right to a well-lighted passageway from the streets to the apartments which they occupy.

(9) **WATER-CLOSETS.** The regulations with reference to water-closets have been carefully considered, since this has been one of the chief sources of danger to the health of tenement house occupants. The present provisions are not adequate. Not only should there be a sufficient number of such closets, but they should be maintained with absolute cleanliness and protected from the winter's cold.

(10) **CLEANLINESS OF YARDS.** A more stringent requirement is suggested with reference to the responsibility for the uncleanness of tenement house yards. Although the person placing filth or refuse of any sort in the yards is violating the law, yet the practical difficulties in the way of locating the responsibility of such violation have been so great that in many instances yards have remained in a filthy condition for indefinite periods. In the opinion of the Commission the owner of a tenement house should be held responsible for the furnishing of proper receptacles for garbage, ashes and other refuse, and should be under compulsion to maintain the tenement house yard in a cleanly condition. If any owner wishes the assistance of the sanitary police it is the duty of the Health Department to furnish such assistance in compelling the tenants to do their part in the proper maintenance of the premises.

The Commission finds that the frequent collection of garbage and refuse, especially in winter, is made excessively difficult by certain conditions of long standing. One of these is the almost universal lack of suitable receptacles for refuse and the proper separation of garbage, ashes and waste matter each from the other. The city ordinances requiring such receptacles and separation are not at the present time properly enforced. Another difficulty lies in the fact that householders and tenants not only do not put their refuse out on the sidewalk as in other cities; they do not even put it in the rear alley, or yard when there is no alley. And a still greater difficulty is to be found in the neglected condition of most of the private alleys which run through the centre of the blocks. Notwithstanding these difficulties it is the belief of the Commission that a more rigid enforcement of existing ordinances is perfectly possible and that a more frequent service than once a week should be provided for every house in the city.

(11) **PRIVATE ALLEYS.** The condition

of the privately-owned alleys and passageways in Boston has long been a source of complaint. The city engineer has recently completed an investigation which reveals the following facts:—

Public alleys in Boston.....	49
Private streets and alleys.....	1401
Length of all alleys in miles.....	32.8
Area in square yards.....	244,252
Condition of pavements in private alleys:	
Good, 218.	
Fair, 271.	
Poor, 912.	
Sanitary condition of private alleys:	
Clean, 474.	
Fairly clean, 452.	
Dirty, 401.	
Filthy, 74.	

Private alleys below street grade:	
One to five steps.....	19
Six to seven steps.....	131
Eleven to twenty steps.....	53
More than twenty steps.....	3
Estimated cost of paving private alleys,	
\$1,151,428.	

The immediate problem before the city is to get these alleys clean. Tenants think nothing of casting all manner of refuse into them. Even when the abutters try to keep them clean the public often uses them as a dump. No one is especially commissioned to watch their condition. In winter the situation is at its worst, since paths are seldom or never shovelled through them to aid the garbage collectors. Were the alleys of even width and on the grade of the street these difficulties might be overcome. But many of them, as the figures given above make evident, are six feet or more below the street level and reached by flights of steps which are often broken down. And in the course of years the width of the alleys has been so encroached upon that in the length of a block it may vary from three to six feet. Very few are wide enough for an ash cart to be driven through them.

At the present time it is difficult to locate responsibility. Although the Board of Health, under the extraordinary powers granted to it by statute, can compel the abutters to clean an alley, the process consumes so much time that the intent of the law is clearly defeated. It is the judgment of the Commission that the only practicable solution is for the city to assume the burden of cleaning the private alleys in the same manner as it cleans the public streets. The Commission also believes that the Health Department should order the paving of these alleys with all possible urgency, since it is difficult to clean an unpaved alley satisfactorily. In future it will undoubtedly be the part of wisdom for the city to expend a stated sum each year in making private alleys public.

(2) **REGISTRY OF OWNER'S NAMES.** The present law requires that the name of every tenement house owner or his agent shall be posted in the front entry of the house. This is a law very difficult to enforce, because it does not require an adequate method of posting. Often the names are placed on cards, and are removed within a few hours after being posted. The Commission recommends that these names be placed on metal plates of adequate size. It also would require in addition that the names of all owners and their agents be registered at the Health Department.

(3) **INSPECTION OF TENEMENT HOUSES.** Even with the existing number of tenement houses a more frequent inspection would be desirable. With the large increase in the number of tenement houses to be inspected, if three-family houses are to be included, it becomes apparent that the staff of the inspectors should be largely increased. In the opinion of this Commission the Health Department ought to be freed from the action of the Veterans' Preference Law in the selection of inspectors. The arduous work of inspection makes it important that men under forty years of age should usually be

appointed. Until such relief can be provided the Commission recommends that the force of inspectors be increased by the addition of women, whose efficiency in this work has been amply demonstrated in other cities.

(4) **SANITARY POLICE.** The Commission recommends a considerable increase in the number of policemen detailed for the service of the Board of Health. Such policemen are needed throughout the city to enforce the regulations with reference to the cleanliness of yards and alleys, as well as the many other requirements of the Board of Health.

(5) **OVERCROWDING.** In the New York Tenement House Act it is provided that four hundred cubic feet of air should be afforded for each adult occupant and two hundred for each child under twelve years of age in all apartments. There is no statute law of this nature governing Boston, but the Health Department attempts to require three hundred cubic feet of air for each adult. As the matter is entirely within the authority of the Health Department and as it is extremely difficult to frame a general law which properly defines overcrowding and states its remedy the Commission has not included the subject in the Act proposed, but prefers to leave all regulations with the Health Department.

The proposition for an "Advisory Board for Tenement Houses" to control the planning of all new tenement houses, as set forth in the special report offered by Mr. W. D. Austin is, in its general features, looked upon with favor by the other members of the Commission. There is no doubt that such a Board would be of great service to all architects and builders of tenement houses and would enable house owners to secure the most available apartments consistent with proper sanitary provisions. The majority of the Commission would hold, however, that even though such a Board should be established it would be on the whole advisable to enact in statute law the minimum requirements for the proper lighting and ventilation of tenement houses and for the best sanitary conditions. With such an Act as the one proposed to guide them the Board would have ample opportunity for service in the many special cases which would inevitably arise in connection with the planning of houses on peculiarly-shaped lots.

The various plans of possible tenement houses appended to this report have been drawn by Mr. W. D. Austin in accordance with the provisions of the Act offered by the Commission. They illustrate the possibility of a far better type of tenement house than is common in Boston at the present time.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Dr. E. M. Hartwell, Chief of the Statistics Department. Dr. Hartwell was invited to sit with the Commission and has taken part in its counsels and its investigations.

To all those who have given so cordially the benefit of their experience in various phases of the housing problem the Commission gladly expresses its sincere thanks. Especial mention should be made of the kindness of Mr. Robert W. DeForest, the recent Tenement House Commissioner of New York City, and those associated with him, who did everything in their power to make the visit of the Commission to New York City as profitable as possible, and who have very cordially given any assistance asked of them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward H. Chandler, Secretary.

AN ACT relative to the construction and maintenance of tenement houses in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

TITLE I.—DEFINITIONS.

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. In this act certain words are defined for the purposes thereof as follows:—

(1) A tenement house is any house, or building, or portion thereof, occupied, or adapted to be occupied, as a dwelling by three or more families living independently of one another and doing their cooking upon the premises, or by two or more families above the first story so living and cooking. A family living in a tenement house may consist of one or more persons.

(2) An apartment is a room, or suite of two or more rooms, occupied, or adapted to be occupied, as a residence for one family.

(3) A yard is an open unoccupied space on the same lot with a tenement house between the rear line of the house and the rear line of the lot.

(4) A court is an open unoccupied space other than a yard on the same lot with a tenement house. An inner court is a court not extending to the street or yard. An outer court is a court extending to the street or yard. An intake is a passageway connecting an inner court with the street or yard.

(5) A shaft whether for air, light, elevator, dumb waiter, or any other purpose, is an enclosed space within a tenement house extending to the roof, and covered either by a skylight or by the roof. A vent shaft is a shaft used solely to ventilate or light a water-closet compartment or bathroom.

(6) A public hall is a hall, corridor, or passageway not within an apartment.

(7) A stair hall includes the stairs, stair landings, and those portions of the public hall through which it is necessary to pass in going from the entrance floor to the roof.

(8) A basement is a story partly, but not more than two-fifths, below the level of the mean or average grade of all the streets, or the mean or average grade of the natural ground adjoining the building; provided, that said grade of the ground is not below the grade of the street at the principal front.

(9) A cellar is a story more than two-fifths below the level of the mean or average grade of all the streets, or the mean or average grade of the natural ground adjoining the building; provided, that said grade of the ground is not below the grade of the street at the principal front.

(10) A story is that portion of the building between the top of any floor beams and the top of the floor beams next above.

(11) A first-class building is a building of fireproof construction throughout. A second-class building is a building not of the first-class, the external and party walls of which are of brick, stone, iron, or other equally substantial and incombustible material. A third-class building is a building other than the first or second class.

(12) The external wall is the outer wall or vertical enclosure of a building other than a party wall, and the frame of a bay-window shall be considered as a part of the external wall. A party wall is any wall used, or built to be used, as a separation of two or more buildings on land of two or more owners. A partition wall is any interior wall in a building.

(13) A fireproof tenement house is one constructed of non-inflammable material throughout, with floors of iron or steel beams filled in with terra cotta or other masonry arches, or concrete, and in which no wood work or other inflammable material is used in any of the partitions, furrings, or ceilings. But this definition shall

not be construed as prohibiting the use of wooden flooring on top of fireproof floors, or of wooden windows, and door frames, sashes, doors, standing finish, hand-rails for stairs, necessary sleepers bedded in concrete, and isolated furring blocks bedded in the plaster. Such buildings shall have no air space between the top of any floor arches or concrete and the floor boarding, and no air space behind any woodwork.

(14) The height of a tenement house is the vertical distance of the highest point of the roof above the mean or average grade of the streets, or the mean or average grade of the natural ground adjoining the building, if the said grade of ground is not below the grade of the street at the principal front.

(15) A corner lot is a lot situated on two public streets meeting at an angle, or on a public street and an alley or passageway not less than twenty-five feet in width meeting at an angle.

(16) Alteration means any change or addition.

(17) Repairs means any renewal of any existing part of a building, or of its fixtures or appurtenances, which does not lessen the strength or increase the fire risk of the building.

(18) The word "shall" is always mandatory in this act and not directory and denotes that the house shall be maintained in all respects according to the mandate as long as it continues to be a tenement house.

Section 2. BUILDINGS CONVERTED OR ALTERED. A building not erected for use as a tenement house, if hereafter converted or altered to such use, shall thereupon become subject to all provisions of this act affecting tenement houses hereafter erected.

Section 3. BUILDINGS IN PROCESS OF ERECTION. A tenement house not now completed, but the excavation for which shall have been commenced in good faith on or before the first day of , shall be subject only to the provisions of this act affecting now existing tenement houses; provided, that the plans for said house were filed in the Building Department or on or before the first day of and were in accordance with the laws in force at the time of filing, and that the building is built in accordance with such laws.

Section 4. ALTERATIONS AND DAMAGE IN OCCUPANCY. No tenement house shall at any time be altered so as to be in violation of any provision of this act. If any tenement house or any part thereof is occupied by more families than provided in this act or is erected, altered or occupied contrary to law, such tenement house shall be deemed an unlawful structure, and shall be ordered vacated, and shall not again be occupied until it or its occupation, as the case may be, has been made to conform to the law.

TITLE II.—CONSTRUCTION AND PROTECTION FROM FIRE.

Sect. 5. THICKNESS OF WALLS. All tenement houses of second class construction, hereafter erected, not over twenty-five feet in width nor over thirty-five feet in height or over fifty-five feet in depth, shall have their external and party walls not less than eight inches thick; all such houses not over twenty-five feet wide or forty-five feet high or fifty-five feet deep shall have their external and party walls twelve inches thick to the top of the second floor and eight inches for the remaining height; all such houses not over thirty feet wide or forty-six feet high shall have external and party walls not less than twelve inches thick the entire height of the wall.

All tenement houses of first class con-

struction, hereafter erected, not over sixty feet in height shall have their external and party walls not less than twelve inches thick; all such houses over sixty feet in height shall have such walls sixteen inches thick to the top of the second floor and twelve inches for the remaining height.

Sect. 6. FIREPROOF TENEMENTS, WHEN REQUIRED. Every building hereafter erected, enlarged, or converted to use as a tenement house more than four stories in height above the basement and exceeding fifty feet in height, or covering more than five thousand superficial square feet of area, regardless of height, shall be a first class building.

Sect. 7. FIRE ESCAPES. In all tenement houses hereafter erected there shall be provided one of the following alternative means of egress for escape from fire; either (1) an interior enclosed stairway as hereinafter described; or (2) an exterior iron fire escape and stairs as hereinafter described; or (3) iron balconies connecting with adjoining houses.

(1) Interior fire escapes where used may consist of wooden circular stairs occupying a space of a diameter not less than four feet six inches. Such stairs shall extend from the top floor to the level of the basement where they shall open into either a court or a yard. These stairs shall be separated in the basement from the basement by brick walls at least eight inches thick, and said stairs above the basement shall be enclosed with fireproof partitions clear to a vent skylight and shall have on each floor, in a public hall accessible from each apartment, a fireproof self-closing door and fireproof frame; the door to open into the corridor and to be so arranged that it cannot be opened from the stair side; such staircase to be provided with a ventilating skylight at least nine square feet area. The soffits of the stairs shall be plastered on metal lathing. No such interior fire escape shall be permitted unless the main stairs are entirely shut off from the public halls, as hereinafter provided.

(2) Exterior fire escapes when used shall be arranged to be accessible from every apartment; shall be of iron, with iron grated floor, and capable of bearing a load of one hundred pounds per square foot. The stair treads shall be of iron and the pitch of stairs shall not exceed sixty degrees.

Balconies shall be at least three feet four inches wide and the stairs at least twenty inches. There shall be a landing at the foot of each flight, and at the level of the second floor there shall be cantilever ladders. The rails on horizontal balconies and on the stairs shall be at least two feet ten inches high at all points.

(3) Balconies connecting adjoining houses shall be arranged to be accessible from all apartments on each floor above the first floor; shall be not less than thirty inches wide and capable of sustaining a load of one hundred pounds per square foot. Railings shall be not less than two feet ten inches high and shall be of iron.

Sect. 8. BULKHEADS AND SCUTTLES. Every tenement house hereafter erected shall have in the roof a fireproof bulkhead with a fireproof door to the same, and shall have fireproof stairs with a guide or handrail leading to the roof, except that in tenement houses hereafter erected, which do not exceed fifty feet in height such bulkheads may be of wood covered with metal on the outside and plastered on metal lathing on the inside; provided, that the door shall be covered with metal on both sides.

Every existing tenement house shall have in the roof a bulkhead or scuttle. No scuttle shall be less in size than two feet by three feet, and all scuttles shall be covered on the outside with metal and shall be provided with stairs or station-

ary ladders leading thereto and easily accessible to all tenants of the building and kept free from encumbrance, and all scuttles and ladders shall be kept so as to be ready for use at all times. No scuttle shall be located in a closet or room, but all scuttles shall be located in the ceiling of the public hall on the top floor, and access through the scuttle to the roof must be direct and uninterrupted. When deemed necessary by the Building Commissioner scuttles shall be hinged so as to readily open. Every bulkhead hereafter constructed in a tenement house shall be constructed as provided for tenement houses hereafter erected, and shall have stairs with a guide or handrail leading to the roof, and such stairs shall be kept free from encumbrance at all times. No scuttle and no bulkhead door shall at any time be locked with a key, but either may be fastened on the inside by movable bolts or hooks. All key-locks on scuttles and on bulkhead doors shall be removed. No stairs leading to the roof in any tenement house shall be removed and replaced with a ladder.

Sect. 9. STAIRS AND PUBLIC HALLS. Every tenement house hereafter erected shall have at least one flight of stairs extending from the entrance floor to the roof. Public halls therein shall each be at least three feet wide in the clear, and stairs shall be at least three feet wide between the wall and the stair-rail.

Each flight of stairs shall have an entrance on the entrance floor from the street or street court, or from an inner court which connects directly with the street. All stairs shall be constructed with a rise of not more than eight inches and with treads not less than nine inches wide and not less than three feet long in the clear. Where winders are used all treads at a point eighteen inches from the strings on the well side shall be at least ten inches wide.

In every tenement house all stairways shall be provided with proper balusters and railings and kept in good repair. No public hall or stairs in a tenement house shall be reduced in width so as to be less than the minimum width prescribed in this section.

Sect. 10. STAIR HALLS, CONSTRUCTION OF. In tenement houses hereafter erected which do not exceed fifty feet in height the stair halls shall either be constructed of iron beams and fireproof filling or shall be filled in between the floor beams with at least five inches of cement deafening. In such houses the stairs may be of wood, provided the soffits are covered with metal laths and plastered with two coats of mortar, or with good quality plaster-boards not less than one-half inch in thickness made of plaster and strong fibre and all joints made true and well pointed, and provided such stairs are furnished with fire-stops.

Sect. 11. STAIR HALLS, HOW ENCLOSED. In second class tenement houses hereafter erected the stair halls shall be enclosed on all sides with brick walls from the basement to the first floor and with brick walls or with partitions of angle-iron and fireproof blocks not less than four inches thick above the basement. The doors opening from such stair halls shall be fireproof and self-closing, and if provided with glass such glass shall be good quality wire-glass.

In third class tenement houses hereafter erected, not exceeding three stories in height the stair halls may be enclosed with wooden stud partitions, provided such partitions are covered on both sides with metal laths or with good quality plaster-boards not less than one-half inch in thickness, made of plaster and strong fibre and all joints made true and well-pointed, and provided that the space between the studs is filled in with brick to the height of the floor beams.

Sect. 12. ENTRANCE HALLS. Every entrance hall in a tenement house hereafter erected shall be at least three feet six inches wide in the clear, from the entrance up to and including the stair enclosure, and beyond this point at least three feet wide in the clear, and shall comply with all the conditions of the preceding sections of this act as to the construction of stair halls, except that in a fireproof tenement house hereafter erected it may be enclosed with terra cotta blocks not less than four inches thick and angle-iron construction, instead of brick walls. If such entrance hall is the only entrance to more than one flight of stairs, that portion of said hall between the entrance and the first flight of stairs shall be increased one-half in width in every part for each additional flight of stairs.

Sect. 13. CELLAR CEILINGS. In all non-fireproof tenement houses hereafter erected the cellar and basement ceilings shall be lathed with metal laths and plastered.

Sect. 14. PARTITIONS. CONSTRUCTION OF. In all non-fireproof tenement houses hereafter erected, fore and aft stud partitions which rest directly over each other shall run through the wooden floor beams and rest upon the eap of the partition below, and shall have the studding filled in solid between the uprights to the depth of the floor beams with suitable incombustible materials.

Sect. 15. CELLAR STAIRS. In non-fireproof tenement houses hereafter erected, the stairs leading to the cellar may be located inside the building, provided they are entirely enclosed with brick walls and are provided with fireproof self-closing doors at both the top and bottom.

In every fireproof tenement house hereafter erected, the stairs leading to the cellar may be placed inside of said building; provided, that the portion of the cellar or other lowest story into which said stairs lead is entirely shut off by fireproof walls from those portions thereof which are used for the storage of fuel, or in which heating appliances, boilers, or machinery are located. All openings in such walls shall be provided with self-closing fireproof doors.

Any new stairs that may be hereafter constructed in any tenement house leading from the first story to the cellar or basement shall be entirely enclosed with brick walls, and be provided with fireproof self-closing doors at both the top and bottom.

Sect. 16. CLOSET UNDER FIRST-STORY STAIRS. In non-fireproof tenement houses hereafter erected no closet of any kind shall be constructed under any stairway leading from the cellar or basement or first story to the upper stories, but such space shall be left entirely open and kept clear and free from encumbrance.

Sect. 17. CELLAR ENTRANCE. In every tenement house hereafter erected there shall be an entrance to the cellar or other lowest story from the outside of the said building.

Sect. 18. WOODEN TENEMENT HOUSES. Within the fire limits no wooden tenement house shall hereafter be erected, and no wooden building not now used as a tenement house shall hereafter be altered or converted to such use. But outside of the fire limits, tenement houses not exceeding three stories in height above the basement, nor having more than eight rooms on a floor, may be erected of wood, but shall not provide accommodations for more than six families or be occupied by more than two families on any floor.

Sect. 19. ALTERATION OF WOODEN TENEMENT HOUSES. No wooden tenement house shall be increased in height so as to exceed three stories above the basement nor shall it be altered so as to be occupied by more than six families, or by more than two families on any floor.

Sect. 20. SHAFTS. All shafts hereafter constructed in tenement houses shall

be constructed fireproof throughout, with fireproof self-closing doors at all openings, at each story, except window openings in vent shafts; and, if they extend to the cellar, shall also be enclosed in the cellar with fireproof wall and fireproof self-closing doors at all openings. In no case shall any shaft be constructed of materials in which any inflammable material or substance enters into any of the component parts. But nothing in this section contained shall be so construed as to require such enclosures about elevators or dumb-waiters in the well-hole of stairs where the stairs themselves are enclosed in brick or stone walls, and are entirely constructed of fireproof materials as hereinbefore provided.

Sect. 21. WOODEN BUILDINGS ON SAME LOT WITH A TENEMENT HOUSE. No wooden building of any kind whatsoever shall hereafter be placed or built upon the same lot with a tenement house within the fire limits. And, within the fire limits, no wooden tenement house, and no wooden structure or other building on the same lot with a tenement house shall hereafter be enlarged, extended or raised; except that a wooden extension not exceeding in total area seventy square feet may be added to an existing wooden tenement house, provided such extension is used solely for bathrooms or water-closets. This section shall not be so construed as to prevent the construction of such receptacles as may be permitted by the Health Department.

Sect. 22. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. No tenement house, nor any part thereof, nor of the lot upon which it is situated, shall be used as a place of storage, keeping or handling of any combustible article except under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Fire Department. No tenement house, nor any part thereof, nor of the lot upon which it is situated, shall be used as a place of storage, keeping or handling of any article dangerous or detrimental to life or health, nor for the storage, keeping or handling of feed, hay, straw, excelsior, cotton, paper stock, feathers or rags.

Sect. 23. BAKERIES AND FAT BOILING. No bakery and no place of business in which fat is boiled shall be maintained in any tenement house which is not fireproof throughout, unless the ceiling and side walls of said bakery or of the said place where fat boiling is done are made safe by fireproof materials around the same, and there shall be no openings either by door or window, dumb-waiter or otherwise, between said bakery or said place where fat is boiled in any tenement house and the other parts of the said building.

Sect. 24. OTHER DANGEROUS BUSINESSES. All transoms and windows opening into halls from any portion of a tenement house where paint, oil, spirituous liquors or drugs are stored for the purpose of sale or otherwise, shall be glazed with wire-glass or they shall be removed and closed up as solidly as the rest of the wall; and all doors leading into any such hall from such portion of said house shall be made fireproof.

Sect. 25. GENERAL PROVISIONS. It shall be understood that the building laws of the City of Boston shall govern the construction of tenement houses and their protection from fire in all particulars not specifically stated in the foregoing sections of this act.

TITLE III.—LIGHT AND VENTILATION

Sect. 26. HEIGHT. The height of no tenement house hereafter erected shall be more than one-half exceed the width of the widest street upon which it stands. Where there are bulkheads exceeding ten feet in height or exceeding in area ten percentum of the area of the roof, the measurements shall be taken to the top

of the bulkhead; but this shall not apply to elevator enclosures not exceeding fifteen feet in height.

No tenement house shall be increased in height so that the building shall exceed by more than one-half the width of the widest street on which it stands.

Section 27. YARDS. Behind every tenement house hereafter erected there shall be a yard extending across the entire width of the lot at every point open from the ground to the sky unobstructed, except that fire-escapes or unenclosed outside stairs may project not over three feet from the rear line of the house. The depth of said yard shall be measured from the extreme rear wall of the house to the rear line of the lot, except that where there is an alley or passageway in the rear of the house the depth of said yard may be measured to the middle of said alley or passageway.

Except upon a corner lot the depth of the yard behind every tenement house hereafter erected fifty feet in height or less shall be not less than twelve feet in every part. Said yard shall be increased in depth one foot for each additional ten feet of height of the building, or fraction thereof above fifty feet.

The depth of the yard behind every tenement house hereafter erected upon a corner lot shall be not less than ten per centum of the depth of such lot, but shall never be less than five feet in every part. Where a corner lot is more than twenty-five feet in width, the yard for that portion in excess of twenty-five feet shall conform to the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

No tenement house shall hereafter be enlarged or its lot diminished, so that the yard shall be less in depth than the minimum depths heretofore prescribed for tenement houses hereafter erected. The measurements in all cases shall be taken from the extreme rear wall of the building to the rear lot line, and across the full width of the lot, and such yard shall be at every point open from the ground to the sky.

Section 28. OPEN SPACES OF LOTS OF UNUSUAL SHAPE. Wherever a tenement house hereafter erected is upon a lot which runs through from one street to another street, court areas of the dimensions hereinafter prescribed shall be considered the equivalent of yards.

Where a single tenement house hereafter erected is entirely surrounded by public streets or passageways not less than twelve feet in width no yard need be provided if all other provisions of this act be complied with. Where a single tenement house hereafter erected is situated on a lot formed by the intersection of two streets at an acute angle, an outer court of the dimensions hereinafter prescribed shall be considered as equivalent to a yard, provided that it extends to a line bisecting the said acute angle.

Section 29. COURTS. No court of a tenement house hereinafter erected shall be covered by a roof or skylight, but every such court shall be at every point open from the ground to the sky unobstructed; provided, that where a store occupies the whole or a portion of the first story of a court may start at the level of the second floor, but the intake shall be carried vertically to the level of said second floor.

Section 30. OUTER COURTS. Where one side of an outer court is situated on the lot line, the width of the said court, measured from the lot line to the opposite wall of the building, for tenement houses fifty feet or less in height in which there is but one apartment on a floor shall not be less than six feet in any part; and for every ten feet of increase or fraction thereof in height of such tenement houses, such width shall be increased one foot throughout the entire height of said court. For

tenement houses in which there are two or more apartments on each floor, such outer courts shall never be less than five feet in width and their length shall never exceed four times their width.

Where an outer court is situated between wings or parts of the same building, or between different buildings on the same lot, the width of the said court, measured from wall to wall, for tenement houses fifty feet or less in height shall not be less than twelve feet in any part and for every ten feet of increase or fraction thereof in the height of said building, such width shall be increased one foot throughout the entire height of the said court. The depth of such courts shall never exceed twice their width.

Wherever an outer court changes its initial horizontal direction or wherever any part of such court extends in a direction so as not to receive direct light from the street or yard, the length of such portion of said court shall never exceed the width of said portion; such length to be measured from the point at which the change of direction commences. Wherever an outer court is less in depth than the minimum width prescribed by this section then its width may be equal to, but not less, than its depth, provided that such width is never less than four feet in the clear. This exception shall also apply to each offset or recess in outer courts. And no window except windows of water-closet compartments, bathrooms, or halls, shall open upon any offset or recess less than six feet in width.

Section 31. INNER COURTS ON THE LOT LINE. Where one side of an inner court is situated on the lot line and the building does not exceed fifty feet in height the least width of said court shall be not less than ten feet and the superficial area of said court shall be not less than one hundred and eighty square feet. For every ten feet of increase or fraction thereof in the height of said building above fifty feet the least width of such inner courts shall be increased by two feet and the superficial area by fifty per centum.

Section 32. INNER COURTS ENCLOSED. Where an inner court is not situated on the lot line, but is enclosed on all four sides and the building does not exceed fifty feet in height the least width of said court shall be not less than sixteen feet and the superficial area not less than three hundred and sixty square feet. For every ten feet of increase or fraction thereof in the height of said building above fifty feet the least width of such inner courts shall be increased by four feet and the superficial area by fifty per centum.

Section 33. VENT COURTS. Inner courts used solely for the lighting and ventilation of water-closets, bathrooms or interior fire escapes may be constructed in any tenement house and shall be not less than fifteen square feet in superficial area or less than three feet in the least horizontal dimensions for buildings fifty feet or less in height. For every increase of ten feet or fraction thereof in the height of such buildings the least dimension shall be increased by one foot and the superficial area by fifty per centum.

Section 34. INTAKES. Every inner court shall be provided with one or more horizontal intakes at the bottom. Such intakes, in vent courts, shall be not less than two feet wide and six feet high; in other inner courts they shall be not less than three feet wide and seven feet high. In such intakes as may open on the street there shall be an open grill door at the street line of a size not less than five square feet, and such door shall never be covered over by glass or in any other way.

Section 35. COURTS. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Nothing contained in the foregoing sections concerning outer and inner courts shall be construed as preventing windows at the angles of said courts, provided that the running length of the wall

containing such windows does not exceed six feet. Offsets from such courts not less than four feet in width and with a depth not exceeding twice the width may be allowed.

Section 36. BUILDINGS ON SAME LOT WITH TENEMENT HOUSES. If any building is hereafter placed on the same lot with a tenement house there shall always be maintained between the said buildings an open unoccupied space extending upwards from the ground and extending across the entire width of the lot; where either building is fifty feet or less in height such open space shall be twenty-four feet from wall to wall; and for every ten feet of increase or fraction thereof in the height of such building, such open space shall be increased one foot in depth throughout its entire width. No building of any kind shall be hereafter placed upon the same lot with a tenement house so as to decrease the minimum size of courts or yards as hereinbefore prescribed. If any tenement house is hereafter erected upon any lot upon which there is already another building it shall comply with all of the provisions of this act, and in addition the space between the said building and the said tenement house shall be of such size and arranged in such manner as is prescribed in this section, the height of the highest building on the lot to regulate the dimensions.

Section 37. ROOMS, LIGHTING AND VENTILATION OF. In every tenement house hereafter erected every room, except water-closet compartments and bathrooms, shall have at least one window opening directly upon the street or upon a yard or court of the dimensions heretofore specified, and such window shall be so located as to properly light all portions of such rooms.

In every apartment in such tenement there shall be at least one room of not less than one hundred and twenty square feet of superficial area provided with a chimney flue and thimble except when said room is furnished with heat from a central heating apparatus. Said room shall have at least one frontage either on a street or yard or on a passageway or alleys provided that the distance from the centre of such passageway or alley to the outer wall of said room is not less than twelve feet for a distance of fifteen feet parallel with said wall.

Wherever a room in such tenement house opens upon any inner court less than ten feet wide, measured from the lot line to the opposite wall of the building, such room shall be provided with a sash window, communicating with another room in the same apartment, such window to contain not less than ten square feet of glazed surface, and to be made so as to readily open. No tenement house shall be so altered that any room or public hall or stairs shall have its light or ventilation diminished in any way.

No room in a now existing tenement house shall hereafter be occupied for living purposes unless it shall have a window upon the street, or upon a yard not less than four feet deep, or upon a court of not less than twenty-five square feet in area, or less than four feet in the least horizontal dimensions, open to the sky without roof or skylight. Provided, however, that such window may be occupied for living purposes if it has a sash window opening into an adjoining room in the same apartment which latter room either opens directly on the street or on a yard of the above dimensions. Said sash windows shall be at least three feet between stop beads, and both halves shall be made so as to readily open. Where it is not possible to construct a window of this width, then such window may be of such size as may be prescribed by the Health Department, but such window shall never contain less than fifteen square feet of glazed surface. An alcove opening of no

less dimension than said sash window, in addition to the usual door opening, shall be deemed its equivalent.

Section 38. WINDOWS IN ROOMS. In every tenement house hereafter erected the total window area in each room, except water-closet compartments and bathrooms, shall be at least one-fifth of the superficial area of the room, and the top at least of one window shall not be less than seven feet six inches above the floor, and the upper half of it shall be made so as to open the full width. No such windows shall be less than fifteen square feet in area between the stop beads.

Section 39. ROOMS, SIZE OF. In every tenement house hereafter erected all rooms, except water-closet compartments and bathrooms, shall be of the following minimum sizes: In each apartment there shall be at least one room containing not less than one hundred and twenty square feet of floor area, and each other room shall contain at least seventy square feet of floor area. Each room shall be in every part not less than eight feet six inches high from the finished floor to the finished ceiling; provided that an attic room need be eight feet six inches high in but one-half its area.

An alcove opening shall be considered as a part of the room into which it opens and the partition wall between said alcove and said room shall not occupy more than twenty per centum of the area of said opening.

Section 40. PUBLIC HALLS. In every tenement house hereafter erected every public hall shall have at least one window opening directly upon the street or upon a yard or court, or upon a stair well lighted from above. Either such window shall be at the end of said hall, with the place of the window at right angles to the axis of said hall or there shall be at least one window opening directly upon the street or upon a yard or court in every twenty feet in length or fraction thereof of said hall; but this provision for one window in every twenty feet of hallway shall not apply to that portion of the entrance hall between the entrance and the first flight of stairs, provided that the entrance door contains not less than five square feet of glazed surface. One at least of the windows provided to light each public hall or part thereof shall be at least two feet six inches wide and five feet high, measured between the stop beads.

Any part of a hall which is shut off from any other part of said hall by a door or doors shall be deemed a separate hall within the meaning of this section.

Where the public hall is not provided with a window opening directly to the outer air as above provided, there shall be a stair-well not less than three feet in any dimension extending from the entrance floor to the roof, and all doors leading from such public halls shall be provided with translucent glass panels of an area of not less than five square feet for each door, and also with fixed transoms of translucent glass over each door.

There shall be in the roof, directly over each stair-well, a ventilating skylight provided with ridge ventilators having a minimum opening of forty square inches, or such skylight shall be provided with fixed or movable louvres; the glazed roof of such skylight shall be not less than twenty square feet in area. In tenement houses hereafter erected where the stairs and public halls are not provided with windows on each floor opening directly to the outer air, the skylights shall be provided with both such ridge ventilators, and also with fixed or movable louvres or movable sashes.

Section 41. PUBLIC HALLS, LIGHTING OF. In every existing tenement house, whenever a public hall on any floor is not sufficiently lighted in the daytime in the judgment of the Health Department, the wooden panels in the doors lo-

cated at ends of the public halls and opening into rooms shall be removed, and ground glass, or other translucent glass or wire panels of an aggregate area of not less than four square feet for each door shall be substituted; or in lieu of removing the panels in the doors a fixed sash window of wire glass of an area of not less than five square feet may be cut into the partitions separating the said hall from a room which opens directly upon the street or upon a yard, court, or shaft of the dimensions hereinbefore specified; or said public hall may be lighted by a window or windows at the end thereof with the plane of the window at right angles to the axis of the said hall, said window opening upon the street or upon a yard, court, or shaft of said dimensions; or, if these provisions are insufficient, said hall shall be lighted by artificial lights kept burning by the owner from sunrise to sunset.

In every tenement house proper lights shall be kept burning by the owner in public hallways, and public stairways, upon the entrance floor, and upon the second floor, above the entrance floor of said house, every night from sunset to sunrise throughout the year.

Section 42. WINDOWS FOR STAIR HALLS, SIZE OF. In every tenement house hereafter erected the aggregate area of windows to light or ventilate stair halls shall be at least fifteen square feet for each floor.

Section 43. SKYLIGHTS. In every tenement house there shall be in the roof, directly over each stair well, a ventilating skylight. Provided, that this section shall not apply to a tenement house now having a bulkhead in the roof over the main stairs, which bulkhead is provided with windows made so as to readily open, and with not less than twelve square feet of glass in the top of said bulkhead.

The roofs of such skylights shall contain the following amounts of glazed surface; not less than twelve square feet in any tenement house; in four-story buildings not less than fifteen square feet; in buildings over four stories three square feet for each additional story. All skylights hereafter placed in any tenement house shall conform to the provisions of Section 41 of this act. All existing dome lights or other obstructions to skylight ventilation shall be removed.

Section 44. PRIVACY. In every apartment of four or more rooms in a tenement house hereafter erected, access to every living room and bedroom and to at least one water-closet compartment shall be had without passing through any bedroom.

Section 45. CHIMNEYS OR FIRE-PLACES. In every tenement house there shall be adequate chimneys running through every floor with an open fireplace or grate, or place for a stove, properly connected with one of said chimneys for every apartment.

TITLE IV.—SANITARY PROVISION.

Section 46. BASEMENTS IN TENEMENT HOUSES HEREAFTER ERECTED. In tenement houses hereafter erected no room in the basement shall be constructed, altered, converted or occupied for living purposes, unless all of the following conditions are complied with:—

(1) Such room shall be at least eight feet six inches high in every part from the floor to the ceiling; provided, that in buildings already erected and not now used as tenement houses but hereafter altered or converted to such use, such room shall be not less than seven feet high in every part.

(2) There shall be appurtenant to such room the use of a separate water closet, constructed and arranged as required by Section 49 of this act.

(3) Such room shall have a window or windows opening upon the street, or upon a yard or court. The total area of windows in such room shall be at least one-fifth of the superficial area of the room,

and one-half of the sash shall be made to open the full width, and the top of each window shall be within six inches of the ceiling.

(4) The floor of such room shall be damp-proof and water-proof, and all walls surrounding such room shall be damp-proof.

Section 47. BASEMENT AND CELLARS, CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY. Hereafter no cellar of any tenement house may be occupied for living purposes, and no basement may be so occupied without a written permit from the Health Department, and such permit shall be kept readily accessible in the main living room of the apartment containing such room. The said written permit shall be issued when all of the following conditions are complied with. If refused the reason for such refusal shall be stated by said department, in writing, and a copy thereof shall be kept in a proper book in the office of said department, and be accessible to the public.

(1) Such room shall be at least seven feet high in every part from the floor to the ceiling.

(2) The ceiling of such room shall be in every part at least four feet above the surface of the street or ground outside of or adjoining the same.

(3) There shall be appurtenant to such rooms the use of a water-closet.

(4) There shall be outside of and adjoining such room, and extending along the entire frontage of at least one of the rooms of the apartment, an open space of at least two feet six inches wide in every part, unless such room extends for more than one-half of its height above the curb level. Such space shall be well and effectually drained.

(5) Such room shall have a window or windows opening to the outer air of at least fifteen square feet in size clear of the sash frame, and which shall have been made to readily open for purpose of ventilation.

(6) If the house is situated over marshy ground, or ground on which water lies, or ground on which there is water pressure from below, the lowest floor shall have been made waterproof and damp-proof.

(7) Such room shall have sufficient light, shall be well drained and dry, and shall be fit for human habitation.

Section 48. CELLAR WALLS AND CEILINGS. The cellar walls and ceilings of every tenement house shall be thoroughly whitewashed or painted a light color by the owner and shall be so maintained. Such whitewash or paint shall be renewed whenever necessary, as may be required by the Health Department. Cellar ceilings shall be plastered, when so required by the Health Department, except where the first floor above the cellar is constructed of iron beams and fireproof filling.

Section 49. WATER CLOSETS IN TENEMENT HOUSES HEREAFTER ERECTED. In every tenement house hereafter erected there shall be a separate water-closet in a separate compartment within each apartment of four or more rooms. Where apartments consist of less than four rooms there shall be at least one water-closet for every three rooms and on the same floor with said rooms. Every such water-closet shall be placed in a compartment completely separated from every other water-closet; such compartment shall be not less than two feet and four inches wide, and shall be enclosed with plastered partitions, which shall extend to the ceiling. Such compartments shall have a window opening directly upon the street or yard, or upon a vent court. Every such window shall be at least one foot by three feet between stop beads; and the entire window shall be made so as to entirely open. When, however, such water-closet compartment is located on the top-floor and is lighted and ventilated by a skylight over it, no window shall be necessary, provided the roof of such sky-

light contains at least three square feet of glazed surface and is arranged so as to readily open. Nothing in this section in regard to the separation of water-closet compartments from each other shall apply to a general toilet from containing several water-closets hereafter placed in a tenement house, provided such water-closets are supplemental to the water-closet accommodations required by law for the use of the tenants of the said house. Nothing in this section in regard to the ventilation of water-closet compartments shall apply to a water-closet hereafter placed in a tenement house, where it is provided to replace a defective fixture in the same position and location. No water-closet shall be maintained in the cellar of any tenement house without a special permit in writing from the Health Department, which shall have power to make rules and regulations governing the maintenance of such closets. Every water-closet compartment hereafter placed in any tenement house shall be provided with proper means of lighting the same at night. If fixtures for gas or electricity are not provided in said compartment, then the door of said compartment shall be provided with translucent glass panels, or with a translucent glass transom, not less in area than four square feet. The floor of every such water-closet compartment shall be made water-proof with asphalt, tile, stone, or some other water-proof material; and such water-proofing shall extend at least six inches above the floor on all sides of said compartment except at the door opening, so that the said floor can be washed or flushed out without leaking. No drip trays shall be permitted. No water-closet fixtures shall be enclosed without any woodwork.

Section 50. WATER-CLOSETS IN EXISTING TENEMENT HOUSES. In all now existing tenement houses the woodwork enclosing all water-closets shall be removed from the front of said closets, and the space underneath the seat shall be left open. The floor or other surface beneath and around the closet shall be maintained in good order and repair and if of wood shall be kept well painted with light-colored paint.

Where a connection with a sewer is possible, privy vaults or other similar receptacles used to receive fecal matter, urine or sewage, shall be completely removed and the place where they were located properly disinfected under the direction of the Health Department. Such appliances shall be replaced by individual water-closets of durable non-absorbent material, properly sewer connected, and with individual traps, and properly connected flush tanks providing an ample flush of water to thoroughly cleanse the bowl. Each water-closet shall be located in a compartment completely separated from every other water-closet, and such compartment shall contain a window of not less than three square feet in area opening directly to the outer air. The floors of the water-closet compartment shall be water-proof. There shall be provided at least one water-closet for every two families or for every four rooms in every now existing tenement house.

Section 51. WATER SUPPLY. In every tenement house hereafter erected there shall be in each apartment a proper sink with running water.

Every existing tenement house shall have water furnished in sufficient quantity at one or more places on each floor occupied by or intended to be occupied by one or more families. The owner shall provide proper and suitable tanks, pumps or other appliances to receive and to distribute an adequate and sufficient supply of such water at each floor in the said house, at all times of the year, during all hours of the day and night. But a failure in the

general supply of water by the city authorities shall not be construed to be a failure on the part of such owner, provided that proper and suitable appliances to receive and distribute such water have been provided in said house.

The woodwork enclosing sinks located in the public halls or stairs shall be removed, and the space underneath said sinks shall be left open. The floors and wall surfaces beneath and around the sink shall be maintained in good order and repair, and if of wood shall be kept well painted with light-colored paint.

Section 52. PLUMBING. In every tenement house hereafter erected all plumbing pipes shall be exposed, unless the Building Commissioner shall give permission for other construction. Where plumbing or other pipes pass through floors or partitions, the openings around such pipes shall be sealed or made air-tight with plaster, or other incombustible materials, so as to prevent the passage of air or the spread of fire from one floor to another or from room to room.

Section 53. CLEANLINESS OF BUILDINGS AND AREAS. Every tenement house and every part thereof shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, filth, or garbage, or other matter in or on the same, or in the yards, courts, passages, areas or alleys connected with or belonging to the same. The tenant of any tenement house shall thoroughly cleanse all the rooms, floors, windows and doors of the house or part of the house of which he is the tenant, to the satisfaction of the Health Department. The owner of every tenement house shall thoroughly cleanse all portions of said tenement house or part of the house of which he is the owner which are not included within any apartment and shall keep the said parts of the said tenement house in a cleanly condition at all times to the satisfaction of the Health Department. No person shall place filth, urine or fecal matter in any place in a tenement house other than that provided for the same, or keep filth, urine or fecal matter in his apartment or upon his premises such length of time as to create a nuisance. The owner of every tenement house, or part thereof, shall be held responsible by the Health Department for the uncleanness of all courts, yards, open areas or alleys connected with said house. Upon notification by said Department of any accumulation of dirt, garbage or refuse in said open spaces, he shall remove the same within twenty-four hours of the receipt of such notice.

Section 54. DRAINAGE OF COURTS AND YARDS. In every tenement house all courts, areas, intakes and yards shall be properly graded and drained, and connected with the street sewer so that all water may pass freely into it; and when required by the Health Department shall be properly concreted.

Section 55. WALLS OF COURTS AND SHAFTS. The walls of all courts, unless built of a light color brick or stone, shall be thoroughly whitewashed by the owner or shall be painted a light color by him, and shall be so maintained. Such whitewash or paint shall be renewed whenever necessary, as may be required by the Health Department.

Section 56. REPAIRS. Every tenement house and all the parts thereof shall be kept in good repair and the roof shall be kept so as not to leak, and all the rain water shall be so drained and conveyed therefrom as to prevent its dripping on to the ground or causing dampness in the walls, ceilings, yards or areas. No wall paper shall be placed upon a wall or ceiling of any tenement house unless all wall paper shall be first removed therefrom and the wall and ceiling thoroughly cleaned.

Section 57. RECEPTACLES FOR GARBAGE AND ASHES. The owner of every tenement house shall provide for said building proper and suitable conveniences

or receptacles for ashes, rubbish, garbage, refuse and other matter satisfactory to the Health Department. No person shall place ashes, rubbish, garbage, refuse or other matter in the yards, open areas, or alleys connected with any tenement house except in suitable receptacles for the same.

Section 58. PROHIBITED USES. No horse, cow, calf, swine, sheep or goat shall be kept in a tenement house, or on the same lot or premises thereof, and no tenement house, or the lot or premises thereof, shall be used for a lodging house, or for the storage or handling of rags.

Section 59. JANITOR AND HOUSE-KEEPER. Whenever there shall be eight or more families living in any tenement house, in which the owner thereof does not reside, there shall be a janitor, house-keeper or some other responsible person who shall reside in said house and have charge of the same, if the Health Department shall so require.

Section 60. PRIVATE ALLEYS. All privately-owned alleys or passageways in the City of Boston shall hereafter be cleaned by the Street-Cleaning Division of the Street Department in the same manner as the public streets and at the expense of the city.

TITLE V.—REMEDIES.

Section 61. REGISTRY OF OWNER'S NAME. Every owner of a tenement house and every lessee of the whole house, or other person having control of a tenement house, shall file in the Health Department his name and address, and also a description of the property, by street number or otherwise, as the case may be, in such manner as will enable the Health Department easily to find the same; and also the number of apartments in each house, the number of rooms in each apartment, and the number of families occupying the apartments. In case of a transfer of any tenement house, it shall be the duty of the grantor of said tenement house to file in the Health Department a notice of such transfer, stating the name of the new owner, within thirty days after such transfer.

Section 62. REGISTRY OF AGENT'S NAME. Every owner, agent, or lessee of a tenement house may file in the Health Department the name and address of an agent of such house, for the purpose of receiving service of process, and also a description of the property by street number or otherwise, as the case may be, in such manner as will enable the Health Department easily to find the same. The name of the owner or lessee may be filed as agent for this purpose.

Section 63. POSTING OF OWNER'S OR AGENT'S NAME. Every owner, agent, or lessee of a tenement house shall have posted in the entrance hall of said house a metal plate on which shall be inscribed in letters not less than one-half inch in height the name and address of such owner and of the agent or person having charge of the same.

Section 64. SERVICE OF NOTICES AND ORDERS. Every notice or order in relation to a tenement house shall be served five days before the time for doing the thing in relation to which it shall have been issued; provided, that all orders with reference to the removal of nuisances of any sort and the cleaning of yards may compel immediate action. The posting of a copy of such notice or order in a conspicuous place in the tenement house, together with the mailing of a copy thereof, on the same day that it is posted, to each person, if any, whose name has been filed with the Health Department, at his address as therewith filed, shall be sufficient service thereof.

Section 65. SERVICE OF SUMMONS. In any action brought by any city department in relation to a tenement house for injunction, vacation of the premises, or other abatement of nuisance, or to estab-

lish a lien thereon, it shall be sufficient service of the summons to serve the same as notices and orders are served under the provision of the last section; provided, that if the address of any agent whose name and address have been filed in the city of Boston, then a copy of the summons shall also be delivered at such address to a person of proper age, if upon reasonable application admittance can be obtained and such person found; and provided also, that personal service of the summons upon the owner of such tenement house shall be sufficient service thereof upon him.

Section 66. INDEXING NAMES. The names and addresses filed in accordance with sections sixty-three and sixty-four shall be indexed by the Health Department, in such manner that all of those filed in relation to each tenement house shall be together, and readily ascertainable. The Health Department shall provide the necessary books and clerical assistance for that purpose, and the expense thereof shall be paid by the city. Said indexes shall be public records, open to public inspection during business hours.

Section 67. INSPECTION OF TENEMENT HOUSES. The Health Department shall provide a sufficient number of inspectors, not more than six of whom may be women. Every tenement house shall be carefully inspected at least once in three months. Such inspection shall include examination of cellars, halls, water-closets, privies, plumbing, yards, areas, fire escapes, roofs, shafts, courts, tanks, and all other parts of such tenement houses and the premises connected therewith. In tenement houses where the average rental of the apartments therein is twenty-five dollars a month or more such inspection may be made less often than once in three months as above provided, at the discretion of the Board of Health.

Section 68. SANITARY POLICE. The Board of Police for the City of Boston shall, upon requisition by the Health Department of said city, detail to the exclusive service and direction of said Health Department for enforcing the laws and ordinances relative to the preservation of health and to tenement houses, such number, not exceeding twenty-five, of police officers, satisfactory to the Health Department, as the Health Department may desire; and the services of the police officers so detailed shall be paid for by said Health Department, and said officers so detailed shall continue subject to the direction of said Health Department until exchanged for others at the request of said Department. Said Board of Police is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint patrolmen, in number not exceeding twenty-five, to fill any vacancies in the police force in the city which may be caused by the detailing of officers as provided in this act.

Section 69. FREE ACCESS TO BUILDINGS. Every officer of the Health Department, and every officer upon whom any duty or authority is conferred, shall have free access to every part of any tenement house, when required for the proper execution of the duties of his office.

Section 70. JURISDICTION. Any court having equity jurisdiction in term time or vacation, may, on the application of the Health Department, by any suitable process of decree in equity, enforce the provisions of this act, and may, on such application, issue an injunction to restrain the use or occupation of any tenement house in the city of Boston, erected, altered, or used in violation of this act.

Section 71. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. Every person who shall violate any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Section 72. REPEAL. All statutes of the Commonwealth and ordinances of the City of Boston so far as they are inconsis-

tent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Section 73. TIME OF TAKING EFFECT. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Boston, May 18, 1904.

Hon. Patriek A. Collins, Mayor of Boston:—

Dear Sir: I agree with the conclusions and recommendations of the majority of my associates of the Tenement House Commission, as embodied in the suggested Tenement House Act, except on one point, namely, that the planning of future tenement houses shall be practically dictated and controlled by statutory enactment as provided for in the sections of said Act included under the third title, "Light and Ventilation."

Believing that a more satisfactory method than that of hard and fast law can be found for securing in future tenement houses the desirable features of additional light, air, privacy, etc., I append a detailed alternative recommendation in regard to this question, with my reasons therefor. The sections above referred to prescribe in great detail and with many provisos and exceptions the sizes of yards, courts, rooms, stairways, corridors, toilet compartments, windows, etc., and the relative disposition and location of many of these features. Their main purpose is to make it an impossibility to hereafter construct badly-lighted and ventilated tenement houses in Boston. I have no doubt, if these sections were to become law, that the anticipated negative results would be achieved. Whether such a law, however, would also encourage the building of many new and desirable tenement houses,—and this, it seems to me, is the all-important object to strive for,—is a matter of great uncertainty, because there is no provision for the many unforeseen contingencies that are likely to arise when it would be desirable, in the proper interests of owners, to interpret the spirit rather than the letter of such a law. If the requirements in these sections should operate to expropriate from an owner a greater proportion of his land for light and air than is necessary to bring his proposed building within the definition of a well-planned house, thereby reducing his rentable area to such a point that a reasonably satisfactory investment thereon would be impossible, then I think it could fairly be maintained that the law was oppressive and therefore worse than useless.

I believe that just such cases as the one I have assumed above would occur more or less frequently in actual experience. In my opinion, the danger of doing an injustice in special cases will always exist unless some means be provided for infusing flexibility and elasticity into the law. This necessity was apparently recognized, when the present inadequate laws on this subject were framed, by granting discretionary power to the Building Commissioner to alter and amend the same within certain limits and under certain conditions. The results have not been very satisfactory; it must be admitted, but this is because the discretionary power has not been controlled by proper duties and restrictions, and has been vested, besides, in only one official. Certainly if no safer method than exists at present can be found, then a hard and fast law, with annual amendments as the only remedy, is the most desirable consummation, and the provisions of the sections under discussion would be found to be more thorough and scientific than have ever before been attempted in Massachusetts. But I believe that a better alternative is possible. It is the object of this supplementary report to lay this alternative, together with what I consider its advantages, before you for consideration. I would welcome rather than fight shy of discretionary power, provide for its administration a properly

composed board or commission of such size and quality and controlled by such restrictions and duties as to inspire confidence in the wisdom of its decisions, and frankly depute to it the law-making power regarding the planning of future tenement houses.

The plan in detail is as follows:—

Title.—General Purposes.

I recommend that a board of experts be created entitled the "Advisory Board for Tenement Houses," the purpose of which shall be the control of all planning of new tenement houses and the premises thereof.

Composition.

This board to be composed of the Chairman of the Board of Health and the Building Commissioner ex-officio.

How Appointed.

Two architects, to be appointed by the Mayor from a list submitted to him by the Boston Society of Architects, one for two years and one for one year, and the terms of these two members to be for two years each after the expiration of the first terms: one representative of the philanthropic interests of Boston; one real estate man; and one representative landlord. These three last-mentioned to be appointed by the Mayor for three, two and one years, respectively; their terms to be three years each after the expiration of the first terms.

Compensation.

The compensation of each of the independent members to be five dollars for each hour of actual service, but not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum. This compensation to be paid by the city. The members ex-officio to receive no compensation.

Expenses.

The said Board to be allowed, by the city, the sum of four thousand dollars per annum, for clerical assistance and office expenses.

Duties.

The duties of said Board shall be as follows:—

1st. To frame, within three months after appointment, regulations for the planning of tenement houses—such as prescribing sizes of yards, courts, vent-courts, light shafts, stairways, rooms, windows and their disposition and methods of ventilation of apartments; location, lighting, ventilation and number of water-closets and sinks; means of lighting public stairways and halls, and any other details of planning not inconsistent with existing laws.

2nd. To make or cause to be made, within three months after appointment, typical sketch plans for tenement houses which shall embody and illustrate the features covered by the said regulations, and to have such plans printed and attached to said regulations, so that they shall form a part thereof.

3rd. To properly advertise in five of the daily Boston newspapers, at the expiration of the aforesaid three months, that the Board is ready for business and that after that date their powers begin.

4th. To distribute such regulations and plans to all inquiring prospective tenement house owners or their agents.

5th. To receive all preliminary plans of proposed new or altered tenement houses; to examine the same and if inconsistent with the regulations, to so notify the prospective owner or his agent and confer with said owner or agent with a view to pointing out defects in the plans and remedies therefor. It shall also be the duty of the Board to examine any tenement house plan in its relation to adjoining property and the probable future character of the neighborhood concerned, and to approve or disapprove the said plan at its discretion.

6th. To receive all finished or working drawings of new or altered tenement

houses, and, if approved, to so certify thereon, whereupon such plans may be filed with the Building Commissioner with an application for a permit to build, but without such certificates, no permits to build shall be granted by the Building Commissioner.

A certificate from the Health Department that the building when completed is in accordance with the plans shall be a prerequisite to occupancy.

Powers.

The said Board shall have powers as follows:—

1st. To require that all planning of new or altered tenement houses shall be to its satisfaction, and

2nd. To print on its regulations a clause to the effect that such regulations are intended to be suggestive only and that the right is reserved by the Board to amend the same whenever it sees fit, but only by a unanimous vote of at least six of its members, and only after the expiration of one week from the time of notification, and with the proviso that such amendments shall not be held to apply to such plans as have in their preliminary stage been approved before such amendments were made, and with the further proviso that an amendment shall not be held to be necessarily general in its application, but may pertain only to some special use.

3rd. To refuse to certificate the finished or working drawings of any new or altered tenement house until the planning of same is satisfactory to the said Board.

Restrictions.

Said Board shall be prohibited from ever requiring an owner to utilize for building purposes less than seventy per cent. of the total area of his lot, said area to be comprised in the dimensions of the actual lot, and not computed as from the centre line of street or alley. For corner lots similar restrictions shall be placed at ninety per cent. It shall be prohibited from allowing any owner to build the rear line of his house nearer than twelve feet to the rear line of his lot or to the centre line of a rear alley; shall be prohibited from allowing any ells or other structures in the yards of tenement houses, except bins or the like for the housing of garbage and refuse receptacles; shall be prohibited from allowing any tenement house to exceed in height one and one-half times the width of the street on which it fronts; and finally shall be prohibited from amending its own regulations except by a unanimous vote of six of its members and not earlier than one week after the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing to each of the members.

The advantages to be derived from the creation of such a board as outlined above would be many and far-reaching, and although given very large discretionary powers, the number of its members, and their recognized expertness and character, together with the duties imposed upon them, would be a guarantee that such powers would be used wisely and fairly. The restrictions as to amendments would serve as a safeguard against too great haste, caprice or soft-hearted inclinations, while the required exhaustive regulations, accompanied by typical illustrative plans, would be of great benefit to prospective tenement house builders in enabling them to understand what would be expected of them, before they had incurred much expense in the preparation of drawings.

Such a board, being continuous, would insure constant and well-informed interest in the subject, and as fast as new ideas and solutions were conceived and approved they would be embodied in future regulations, so that the tendency would always be towards an improvement in the planning of tenement houses, and the financial interests of owners would always receive respectful, sympathetic and helpful consideration.

Outwardly it would appear to be, and should actually be, a consulting board of experts, placed by the city at the free disposal of prospective tenement house owners, to aid them by advice, and by printed typical plans and regulations, to secure the best results. Their power need not be made offensively apparent, but it would always exist, if in the background, acting as a restraining influence and in reality would be absolutely effective in prohibiting unfit houses. Yet the machinery for accomplishing this would be very simple and inexpensive—one salaried clerk or secretary and six hundred square feet of office room for the weekly or semi-weekly meetings would suffice.

The board would not be administrative—would require no bureau of records and very little red tape, and would not conflict with the functions of any existing department. Its duties would not entail much labor on its members, after the first work of preparing regulations and plans had been accomplished, and the cost to the city need not exceed sixty-five hundred (6500) dollars per annum.

The work would sit lightly upon such a body of experts, who would probably find it extremely interesting, and I believe that plenty of public-spirited and able citizens could be found willing to undertake it, despite the nominal compensation allowed.

Under the oversight of such an advisory board I am confident that ideal results will be most nearly attained and retained, so that our community may feel for many years to come that its tenement houses, in so far as they may provide for light, ventilation, protection from fire, privacy and convenience, are a cause for congratulation rather than a source of danger to the health of the occupants and to the community at large.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Austin.

Boston, May 18, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request of April 15, 1903, that I serve as one of a commission to investigate the tenement house conditions in Boston and make such recommendations as seem advisable in view of existing conditions, I beg leave to report as follows:—

I am unable to agree with many of the recommendations approved by the majority of the committee, as some of them seem to me to have little bearing upon the conditions which, in my opinion, exist in the City of Boston. I, therefore, confine myself to the conditions as they seem to me to exist in this city and to such recommendations and remedies as are available under present conditions and under the laws and customs of this Commonwealth. Some of my suggestions are not in conflict with the majority report, but I have summed up what seem to me to be the essential requirements in view of existing conditions.

I have personally, within the last year, looked into the conditions which exist in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow and New York, and the remedies which are being adopted to reform conditions found to exist in Boston.

Very few buildings have ever been erected in Boston for tenement houses as such. Most of the buildings which are occupied at the present time as tenement houses were originally constructed as dwellings for a single family. Owing to the changed conditions in the earning capacity of the community, the rise in values of real estate, increased taxes, &c., by far the larger portion of the community has been driven into smaller and smaller quarters, thus converting the old buildings, with very little change, into a residence for several families.

It is my opinion that the community as a whole will live in as good shape as far as houses and conditions are concerned as

their earning capacity will permit. Within the last thirty years the character and occupation of a large section of the city has materially changed; I refer especially to the West and South Ends, so called, covered with substantial, well-built, brick houses on wide streets, and ample yard room in the rear. Under the present building laws it is impossible to remodel these buildings and adapt them to the changed conditions and needs of the community. There is no reason, in my opinion, why any existing brick building in the city might be built as a dwelling for a single family might not with safety be remodelled into suites—a tenement on a floor, using second class construction so called. This will house a large portion of the community comfortably and within the means of the average wage-earner for many years.

A careful examination of the statistics of the Fire Department will show that of all the fires in brick dwellings within the last five years, not more than one or two per cent, has damaged the structural part of the building to any appreciable extent, the danger being caused by the destruction of inflammable personal property creating dense smoke, which is the great danger to the occupants of the building.

I believe that each suite should have two independent means of egress for the safety of the occupants.

A minimum width of stairs should be provided, with an increased width for each additional story; wire glass should be permitted for door panels to properly light the halls.

I am not alarmed at the statistics showing the number of cases of tuberculosis in the city, as I believe it is a disease fostered more by poor and insufficient food than by the structural condition of buildings.

The Board of Health is making satisfactory progress in requiring abutters to pave private alleys.

I recommend that all alleys in the city, whether public or private, be cleaned at the expense of the city.

I further recommend that solid wooden fences throughout the city in the rear of dwellings be prohibited; that only open iron or wire fences be permitted. This will allow a free circulation of air. It will also, in my opinion, be a distinct benefit in policing the city, as enclosed back yards and alleys are a favorite resort for all kinds of criminals, and if the space is kept open so that an uninterrupted view may be obtained, it will reduce the hiding places materially.

I further recommend that all distinction in regard to the number of families, as far as occupation of brick buildings for habitation is concerned, be abolished by statute, and leave the occupation of all such buildings to be regulated by the Board of Health. Why a brick building four stories or less in height, with ample light and air for every room, may not be occupied by six families consisting of twelve people, as well as by three families consisting of anywhere from twelve to thirty people, surpass my comprehension.

The present evils of overcrowding arise largely from natural causes. The immigrants who land on these shores, possessed of little property, ignorant of the language and customs of the country, naturally herded together, each nationality by itself. I think a careful examination of the tendency of the newcomer for the last few years will show that just as quick as a little property is accumulated and a familiarity with the language and customs of the country is acquired, he moves to the outlying districts and mingles with the community as a whole.

I therefore recommend that plans for every brick or stone building adapted for the occupation of more than one family shall be filed with the Board of Health, and said Board shall prescribe by general regulations the maximum number of people permitted to occupy said building. This

will give a certain amount of elasticity to the law, which it is impossible to prescribe by statute.

I recommend that the open area required in the rear and on the sides of all buildings adapted for habitation should be governed entirely by the height of the building, a minimum space for buildings of three stories, and a larger space as the height increases. I would restrict all new buildings for dwellings to four stories in height unless constructed of fireproof material. I would prohibit the erection of wooden buildings to be occupied by more than two families.

I see nothing in the present conditions which calls for a separate department for the supervision of tenement houses. The Building Department should be required to see only that the building is constructed in a proper manner. Civil engineers, masons, and carpenters are not the persons to regulate the occupancy of buildings; the use and occupation after they are constructed should be cared for by the Board of Health.

Building has practically ceased in Boston under the present law owing to its stringent conditions and the price of material and labor. If the law be changed so as to permit substantial brick buildings of second class construction, the so-called slum will disappear by its own weight. As quick as people can secure comfortable dwellings of modern construction for a price within their means, they will immediately leave the old and tumble-down tenements, and the owner will be obliged, as a matter of self-defence, to rebuild.

I approve the general idea of Mr. Austin's suggestion in regard to a commission which shall have discretionary powers, but I would give said commission jurisdiction over all buildings in the city, for the reason that so many lots, especially in the old part of the city, are of such irregular dimensions that it is practically impossible to draft a statute which in its application will do justice to the landowner. A building which may be perfectly safe as far as its own use and occupation is concerned, and also with reference to adjoining property in one section of the city, may not be so in another location. This would prevent a constant appeal to the Legislature for an amendment to the building law to fit specific instances, which in the past has resulted in making the building law a patchwork of sections drawn for specific cases, which are hard to apply as a general rule. If a board should be constituted consisting of the Fire Commissioner, Chairman of the Board of Health, the City Engineer, the Corporation Counsel, and an architect appointed by the Mayor, it would seem to me to be the best composition of such a board. This would not create an additional paid board, but it would be constituted of men who have a peculiar knowledge of the needs of the community and what might with perfect safety be allowed.

I further recommend an extension of the fire limits, as I believe the great danger to the city is from the spread of fire. Fires always have occurred, and probably always will occur, but the spread of fire may, with reasonable precautions, be confined to the building where it originates.

I further recommend an amendment to the statute prohibiting insurance companies from insuring buildings which are not constructed according to law. There would be very little attempt to evade the law if this suggestion should be adopted.

In reference to the proposed act approved by the majority of the Commission, although it contains many desirable features, I am unable to approve it for the reason that it is drawn following largely the tenement house act of New York, and if enacted in its present form would lead, in my opinion, to the introduction of a style of building in Boston which does not exist at the present time, and has been

adopted in New York to meet the requirements which have grown up in that city under far different conditions than those which have ever existed in Boston. I refer especially to the provisions in regard to courts, alleys, and intakes. Several of the sections refer to matters which are now regulated by the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth, and are simply a repetition of enactments that have been on the statute books for many years, and are of general application throughout the Commonwealth.

The object of a building law, in my opinion, should be to make it as easy to build as is consistent with safety to adjoining property and the health of the community, leaving out petty restrictions which conduce to the safety neither of the building nor its occupants.

I approve in a general way of the suggestions in the proposed act for service of notice and summon, but not in the form in which drawn, as they are not adapted to the practice of the courts of this Commonwealth. This is, however, a matter of detail easily rectified.

In brief, it seems to me the thing needed in Boston at the present time is a thorough revision of the building laws so that people can afford to build substantial brick dwellings of second class construction. If this were permitted there would be less and less building of wooden houses. People seem to live safely in a comfortable manner in the suburbs of Boston, where they are not hampered by the many petty restrictions imposed by the building laws inside the city limits, and I know of no reason why buildings should not be built in Boston so that people can afford to live within the city limits. Poverty largely creates the so-called slum, and no statute ever has or can abolish it. If poverty and indolence are ever abolished by law, it will be by legislation on a much broader scope than is necessary in providing how brick and mortar shall be put together to comfortably house the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel M. Child.

(Accompanying the above were the various appendices referred to above.)

On motion of Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 the report was ordered printed as a city document. Sent up.

VISITORS AT PARENTAL SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., May 19, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees for Children in reference to your order requesting that the Parental School be opened to visitors on Sundays and holidays, without restriction as to the number of visitors.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston. Trustees for Children.
May 13, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.

Dear sir: The Trustees for Children have directed me to write to Your Honor with regard to the resolution of the Aldermen and Common Council, referred to the Trustees from the Mayor's Office, in which is contained a request that the Parental School be open to visitors on Sundays and holidays, without restriction as to the number of visitors.

The Trustees are strongly in favor of having the boys at the Parental School receive visits from their parents as often as is practicable, but they think there are serious objections to increasing the visiting in the way suggested.

It seems to the Trustees that visiting is abundantly provided for, inasmuch as visitors are welcome on 304 days of the year. If necessary, visitors can come to the school at any hour between seven in the morning and seven at night, and in cases

where the difficulty of visiting seems to be unusually great, parents have been told they could see their boy at any time before he goes to bed. Three hundred and four days a year is an unusually large number of times for visiting days at any school. It is doubtful whether there is any school in the world, whether public or private, where the visiting days are so numerous.

The Trustees are glad to take up for consideration any case where there appears to be unusual difficulty of visiting and have, as far as they know, always been able to arrange the visiting in the cases brought to their notice.

The Trustees are decidedly of the opinion that it would not be conducive to the good of the school to allow visiting on Sundays and holidays. It seems probable that one, two or even three hundred people would regularly assemble at the school on these days in pleasant weather, and such a large gathering of outsiders at one time would have an unsettling effect on the boys, making them restless and more likely to run away. Such a gathering, even though it started in individual visits to individual boys, would practically become a general festival, entirely changing the atmosphere of the place, in a way quite inappropriate for a Parental School.

Holidays are almost invariably celebrated by appropriate performances on the part of the boys, and these performances would be seriously interfered with by the coming and going of a large number of visitors.

The trustees hope that this statement will convince Your Honor of the undesirability of admitting visitors to the Parental School on Sundays and Holidays.

Respectfully yours,
Charles P. Putnam, Chairman.

Sent up.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of Committee on Appropriations, no further action necessary on the following papers:—

Order (referred Jan. 4), concerning appropriation for encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Order (referred Jan 14), concerning appropriation for celebration of Evacuation Day.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning the specifying of the amounts for street improvements in each ward.

Order (referred Jan. 25), concerning appropriation for street improvements for Wd. 23.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning appropriation for removal of snow.

Order (referred Jan. 21), concerning appropriation for temporary bathing facilities at McKenzie Beach.

Order (referred Jan. 25), concerning appropriation for improvement of Bromley Park.

Order (referred Jan. 28), concerning appropriation for bleachers for Strandway playground.

Order (referred Jan. 28), concerning appropriation for street improvements for Wd. 22.

Order (referred Feb. 25), concerning appropriation for flag-pole, North End Park.

Order (referred Feb. 25), concerning appropriation for celebration of Patriots' Day.

Order (referred March 3), concerning payment for teams in Street Department.

Order (referred March 3), concerning appropriation for celebration of June Seventeenth.

Order (referred March 3), concerning appropriation for celebration of Memorial Day.

Order (referred Feb. 1), concerning salaries of captains of ferry boats.

Order (referred March 7), for an appro-

pritation for rowing regatta, July Fourth. Petition (referred March 21), of Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston for the filling and construction of Cottage St.

On motion of Mr. Carter of Wd. 2, the last item in the report relative to Cottage St. was stricken out.

The report, as amended, was accepted. Sent up.

2. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place the employees of the Sewer Division upon a permanent basis.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Mallet St., Dorchester, as a public way.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Report of Committee on Finance (Councilman Conway of Wd. 23 dissenting), on various requests for loans referred to said committee,—recommending the passage of the following order of three items which, in the opinion of the committee, are of such pressing importance as to demand immediate action.

Ordered, That the sum of one million eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,825,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount, viz:—

Insane Hospital Department.	
Furnishing of new buildings at Austin Farm.....	\$25,000
Schoolhouse Department.	
Land and buildings for schools.....	1,500,000
Street Department.	
Street improvements.....	300,000
	1,825,000

Q. on acceptance of report and ordering the order to a second reading.

The report was accepted in concurrence. The order was read once, and on motion of Mr. McDermott of Wd. 7, the rule was declared suspended so that the order might be given its second reading.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the rule was declared suspended, 39 members in favor, 10 against.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered the following substitute:—

Ordered, That the sum of one million eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,825,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount, viz:—

Schoolhouse Department.	
Land and buildings for schools.....	\$1,500,000
Insane Hospital Department.	
Furnishing new buildings.....	25,000
Street Department.	
Street Improvements:—	
So. Boston, Paving Div. 1....	\$25,000
E. Boston, Paving Div. 2....	25,000
Charlestown, Paving Div. 3....	25,000
Brighton, Paving Div. 4....	25,000
W. Roxbury, Paving Div. 5....	25,000
Dorchester, Paving Div. 6....	25,000
Roxbury, Paving Div. 7....	25,000
City Proper, Paving Div. 8....	
9, 10.....	95,000
	270,000

Park Department.	
Playground in the Jamaica Plain section of Wd. 23.....	30,000
	\$1,825,000

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I ask for a division upon the substitute as well as upon the main question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the division cannot be granted. The Chair will suggest, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, as this question has arisen here before and created quite a controversy a year ago, that the same result can be arrived at, if it appears to be a hardship, by moving to amend, striking out or substituting and altering the totals to correspond.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I would call the attention of the Chair to a recent ruling by the Chair on an order offered by the gentleman from Wd. 18, including an appropriation for the Public Grounds Department and for the Bath Department, the Chair ruling that the question was divisible. The Chair divided the question and put the vote on each separate item. I would also call the attention of the Chair to rule 27 of the Common Council, which provides that any member may require a division of the question when the sense will admit of it. There is no question that the sense admits of a division in this particular instance.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair still adheres to his ruling that the bill cannot be divided. The bill is to be passed or rejected as a whole. The order calls for an appropriation of a certain amount. To divide the question and to accept one or two amounts and reject a third, would be to have an order carrying a larger appropriation than the items would total, if added up. The question was considered very thoroughly last year. I consulted with Ex-Speaker Myers of the House of Representatives, and afterwards, through another member, had a consultation with one who is recognized as one of the leading parliamentary authorities of the state, and was told that the ruling was correct. Inasmuch as I was fortified by those gentlemen in my opinion, I adhere to it at this time. The Chair will suggest that it entails absolutely no hardship. The argument of the gentleman who opposed the decision last year was that it was—I have forgotten the exact expression he used—but it amounted to this, that it was gagging the members of the Council. It does not gag anybody. Anybody can move to amend by striking out and altering the totals to correspond, which will have precisely the same effect,—with the addition that it is absolutely legal—that would be arrived at if you were allowed to divide the question, which would be illegal, for the reason that the order, which carries \$1,825,000, would have to be changed, and it can only be changed by amendment. The question is on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President and members of the Council, in offering the substitute I do it by the right that I have to dissent from the Finance Committee's report.

In doing so, I do it with a feeling that each part of the city should know how much is to be spent. I believe it is the most practicable way; I believe it is the most just way, and I believe it is the fairest way to the residents of each section of the city. There is no radical difference between this and the report of the Committee, excepting that it is for the members of the Council, I think, to say whether or not they are in favor of having a certain amount of money appropriated for their particular districts, or else have it go in a lump sum, to be expended as the authorities see fit.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following as a substitute:—

Ordered, That the sum of one million

five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,525,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount, viz.:—

Insane Hospital Department.	
Furnishing of new buildings at	
Austin Farm.....	\$25,000
Schoolhouse Department.	
Land and buildings for schools.....	1,500,000
	\$1,525,000

The PRESIDENT—The question comes first on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23, that order being for the larger amount.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I am not surprised tonight to see the gentleman in the first division arise and dissent from the committee's report. It is his usual way of doing business. Last year, when the loan bill was reported, he voted against it at one meeting, and, at a later meeting, sat in his chair and had to be requested by the President of this body to vote either one way or the other upon that measure—and had to be asked two or three times to vote either one way, or the other on the measure. He decided, at last, to vote for it. He could not make up his mind when he sat in his chair there when the roll was called, and could not decide which way to vote until the President requested him to vote.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. FERBER—That the gentleman is not speaking to the question before the house, and that he is using unparliamentary language.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will decide that the point of order is not well taken, but will suggest to the gentleman from Wd. 18 that he confine himself to occurrences of the current year.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, the two Aldermen from Wd. 23 have seen fit to vote for this bill. They evidently are of the opinion that this bill is approved by the citizens of West Roxbury. I, as a representative of Wd. 18, am willing to take my chances that my ward will receive its full share of the work when it is given out. Last year, I heard all through the year nothing but Wd. 23, and it is, apparently, to be the same old story this year—Wd. 23 all through the year. No doubt, Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 23 is in theory offering this substitute; but he has been led into wrong paths before. I do not intend to censure him tonight for the many mistakes he has made (laughter), as he has a long time ahead in which to remedy them. I do not think, Mr. President, that the members of this body can see anything in this loan bill reported by the Committee to which to object, and do not believe they can see any reason for offering a substitute. I sincerely hope and trust that the members of this body will not entertain the idea of voting for the bill offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23, but will vote to adopt the bill reported by the Committee.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, it seems to be in keeping this evening to offer substitutes, and I desire to offer a substitute. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that another substitute is not in order at this time.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The main question was not ordered, and the question came on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—I did not expect when I offered this order to be criticized in this manner by a member of the Building Committee (Laughter); but, as long as he has seen fit, Mr. President, to make some statement here, I want to correct him, if I may be allowed to. I want to give him a little information, which perhaps he has not at the present time; and if he has, he does not use it, judging by the remarks which he makes. I want to inform him, in the first place, that when I was requested by the President to vote on the loan bill last year, I did not vote in favor of street improvements. Moreover, Mr. President and fellow members, at this time I would like to explain to my friend from Wd. 18 the reasons why I did not want to vote. It was because I did not want to go on record, unless I was compelled to, as being opposed to street improvements. I was compelled to go on record, and the gentleman from Wd. 18 is wrong in the statement that he makes that I voted for the measure at that time. I am glad to know, Mr. President, that my humble service in the Council here have made an impression that Wd. 23 has been heard from. If I live long enough and have the opportunity, Mr. President, I propose in this Council here to let the members hear from Wd. 23 each and every time that I think it is absolutely necessary. I want to tell the gentleman, moreover, Mr. President, that I am not led by anyone, except by the wishes of the people of the district that I represent. I propose to be led by them and I think I am better qualified, Mr. President and fellow members to judge of the wishes and the feelings of the people of Wd. 23 than the gentleman from Wd. 18 is. If I have made mistakes, Mr. President, in the opinion of the gentleman from Wd. 18, all I can say is that I regret that he thinks they have been mistakes; but as he has no voice in my election, and since the people of Wd. 23 have seen fit to send me back here three times, I feel sure that they do not think I make any mistakes. Therefore, I will take his criticism in the manner in which it was given—a fair and impartial manner I hope,—and not worry about the opinion of the gentleman from Wd. 18, as long as the people of Wd. 23 do not think accordingly. To conclude, Mr. President, I want to say that I am not responsible to or do not act upon the advice of the two aldermen from Wd. 23. If I do not feel that I should vote in the same way that the two aldermen from Wd. 23 do, I shall not vote that way. They are responsible to the people of Wd. 23 perhaps. I am, too. I propose to act as I think the people of Wd. 23 wish me to act, and not as the aldermen from Wd. 23 act, in case I do not think that the people of Wd. 23 want me to act in that manner. I am not led, Mr. President. I have a mind of my own, and I propose to use it. I feel that this substitute which I have offered is the fairest way to divide up this money, and I hope that each and every member will consider the interests of his district and will vote in favor of the substitute.

The PRESIDENT—If the members will pardon the Chair for making a statement at this time, I would like to say a word in reference to the criticism which was made a short time ago. The criticism was made that, on a previous question this year, I ruled that a question was divisible. I would like to make this distinction. I did not have the occurrence in mind at the time, but I have since investigated it, and I find that the question was upon an amendment which was made to increase the appropriation for Bath Department \$10,000 and the appropriation for Public Grounds Department \$5000—two separate items,—whereas in the loan bill which is presented here tonight there is simply one order for an appropriation of \$1,825,000, and then simply a statement specifying where the \$1,825,000 is to go. So, they are not exactly analogous cases. The question is on

the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I trust that neither of the substitute orders will be adopted this evening, and I trust that the report of the Finance Committee as submitted, will be passed. It may appear somewhat inconsistent on my part to oppose a suspension of the rules on the Appropriation Bill and to approve of a suspension of the rules for the passage of the Loan Bill, but I think that my apparent inconsistency can well be explained by the fact that in the Appropriation Bill there were a very large number of items, all more or less difficult of explanation, whereas, in this Loan Bill there are but three items, each of which can be easily understood. It strikes me that the gentleman who has offered a substitute has been inconsistent in asking that the appropriation for Street Department be itemized, while not asking that the lump sum of \$1,500,000 for land and buildings for schools be itemized, also. It seems to me that he approves of the proposition to borrow a million and a half in a lump sum for land and buildings for schools, and I judge that there must be some specific reason for wishing to itemize the item appropriating \$500,000 for street improvements. Perhaps it would be scarcely reasonable to expect that the views prevailing in the city proper would be the same views as those likely to prevail in Wd. 23—perhaps because of the geographical difference, and perhaps for other reasons. The gentleman from Wd. 23, I believe, means well; but he proposes a policy essentially different from the one that has prevailed in this city. At the head of the Street Department, we have an officer directly responsible to His Honor the Mayor, and that officer's business is to know all the concerns of the Street Department, and he is able to give us specific knowledge as to the needs for street improvements in any given locality. I presume he knows best in what parts of the city the money appropriated for street improvements should be expended. Now, if the gentleman from Wd. 23 holds that he can make a better division of the lump sum of \$300,000 than the Superintendent of Streets and His Honor the Mayor can make, why isn't it reasonable for every man in the City Council to believe that he can make as good division of the money? And is it possible, Mr. President and gentlemen, for any two members of the Council, if they were to divide that \$300,000 up, to agree on a division? And if no two men can agree upon a division, is it not better to accept the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor, and allow the Superintendent of Streets, with his specific knowledge, to determine where the money can best be expended, and make him responsible for the proper expenditure of that amount of money? It is evident that if the gentleman from Wd. 23 is to have his policy adopted, it can be adopted only by means of log-rolling, and the gentleman from Wd. 23 has adopted the process of log-rolling in his substitute, whether they need that amount, as compared with the rest of the city, or not. In that way, he is bidding for the votes of the representatives of those districts, and only by such bidding, only by such log-rolling, is it possible for him to pass his itemized loan bill disposing of that \$300,000. Now, Mr. President, because this policy does involve log-rolling, and because it can be brought about in no other way, and because the policy of the city for the last six or eight years has been for the Street Department to refuse to specify where this money is to be spent, I believe that the Council should stand by that policy, and should not entertain the adoption of any policy which involves log-rolling. I believe that the council should accept the report of the committee, as it comes into this body, with

the approval of the Superintendent of Streets and of His Honor the Mayor, and with the knowledge that this part of the loan bill has been presented in advance of the other part, for the reasons that the need for these specific loans is pressing, and could not, in reason, wait. I believe, gentlemen, that the reasons which urge us on to pass this partial loan bill tonight, this partial report of the committee, are more urgent than were those which demanded the passage of the appropriation bill. It is based upon the report made to us by the authorities, men in the best positions to know. They have shown to us that these loans are urgently needed, and we have been requested as members of the Finance Committee—

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, will the gentleman permit a question?

Mr. CARTER—I will, Mr. President.

Mr. FERBER—Does the gentleman maintain that the \$600,000 for highways and \$500,000 in the appropriation order for street improvements, already appropriated this year, has been fully expended in maintaining the urgency for haste in this matter?

Mr. CARTER—That is specific knowledge, Mr. President, which I would not be likely to have. I have not inquired whether it has been expended or not. The Committee on Finance has been informed from the Mayor's office and from the Schoolhouse Commissioners that bids are now in the hands of the street department and of the Schoolhouse Commissioners; and, as it is against the law to accept any of these bids before the loan has been authorized, the departments are holding the bids that they have, in order that the loans may be authorized and the bids can be accepted. Judging from these facts, I should think there was no other money available from loan orders.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman yield for a question?

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I shall yield to the gentleman from Wd. 23.

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I want to ask the gentleman from Wd. 2 if he did not say in the finance committee that if I would make an itemized bill for the street department appropriation he would vote for it?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will not expect the gentleman to answer the question. The Chair feels that matters considered in Committee and talks that are had in Committee are confidential matters, and that no member should be expected to go into them in this body.

Mr. CARTER—And the Chair thinks I should not answer the question?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair has so ruled.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, out of respect to the Chair's feelings I will refrain from answering the gentleman's question, which I would have been happy to answer, and I think I could have answered it, not only to the satisfaction of the gentleman, but to the satisfaction of the rest of the members of the Council. I think I have advanced reasons sufficient for the passage of the loan order tonight, and I am willing to leave the question to your judgment, Mr. President and gentlemen.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, the only difference between the substitute order which I have offered and the loan order is in the fact that the item for street improvements, \$500,000, is omitted in my order. I am well aware that the finances of the city of Boston are fast approaching a crisis—

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will pardon the interruption, the Chair will suggest that if the gentleman is desirous of discussing his own bill, an opportunity will be afforded after this bill is either rejected or accepted.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I understand that I am in order now.

The PRESIDENT—On the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23.

Mr. PIERCE—Am I not in order, Mr. President, if I speak on my own order?

The PRESIDENT—Not at this time, the question being on the adoption of the substitute for the larger amount, that being the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, before I vote upon either this substitute or any other loan bill tonight, I would like to ask what disposition, if any, has been made of the orders introduced by the President of this body on Inauguration Day: One, an order calling for an appropriation of \$200,000 for a Municipal Building, to be located in Charlestown, the other an order calling for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purchase and construction of a suitable playground in Wd. 5?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 5, that, inasmuch as he is not a member of the Finance Committee, he has no information to offer on that point, but he will be glad to receive any information from any member of the Finance Committee.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 5, I will state that the Finance Committee has taken no action on any bills, except the three bills reported this evening, and the reason why they have reported those is that the Schoolhouse Commission informed the Finance Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, that they had two or three schoolhouses being held up on account of not having any money to build them with. That is the reason why we have passed this partial loan bill. In regard to the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23—

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask a further question. I believe the gentleman has the floor to answer my question?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that, the gentleman having yielded the floor by sitting down, he has technically given up his right to the floor; but I have no doubt that Mr. Maynard will gladly allow him the privilege of the floor.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask a further question—whether or not it is the purpose of the Finance Committee to report some order at a future time including items for local improvements?

Mr. MAYNARD—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 5, I will again state that the committee is to meet, I believe, next Tuesday, and to take up the matter of local improvements. We cannot decide until we have had a meeting and have had these local improvements brought to our notice, what will be done with them.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for another question?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say at this time that he feels that the policy of asking questions is only apt to bring about a great deal of trouble and confusion. I have been informed that the policy was abolished here several years ago, for the reason that it resulted in endless confusion. If the gentleman insists, the Chair will be glad to allow him to ask a question.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I rise for information, so that I may vote intelligently. I will be glad if any member of the Finance Committee can tell me how much will be left of the borrowing capacity of the city inside the debt limit, if this order is passed tonight as it originally came in? I would like that information so that I may know how much money will be left for all these improvements which have been asked for by other members of the Council.

Mr. MAYNARD—Mr. President, for the information of the gentleman I will say that the amount, roughly, is about \$700,000.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I would ask the gentleman if that includes the item for the Old Colony Railroad damages?

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, we were asked to incorporate in the loan bill the following items:

Insane Hospital Department, for furnishing new buildings at Austin Farm, \$25,000; Pauper Institutions Department, reconstructing and extending wharf and building shelter, \$16,000; for heating plant and platform scales, \$3500; Schoolhouse Department, land and buildings for schools, \$1,500,000; Street Department, street improvements, \$300,000.

Of these items the Finance Committee has passed the \$25,000 for Insane Hospital, the \$1,500,000 for schools, and \$300,000 for Street Department. If we had passed the items we were asked to pass, which I have named, it would leave a balance of \$62,000, which would be reserved for emergencies. We did not pass the \$16,000 for the pauper institutions, nor the \$3500 for the heating plant, and that would leave about \$81,000—somewhere about that. I am very sorry that my friend from Wd. 23 has had his feelings hurt tonight; and, while I am not going to vote for his substitute order, I trust that I will not hurt his feelings.

When the Finance Committee met, they held two meetings. At neither one of the meetings did the gentleman from Wd. 23, to my knowledge, submit for the consideration of the committee any specified items for street improvements; but he did say, when the question of street improvements was taken up, and even before it was put, that he was going to dissent from it. The committee voted for these items because they were of the opinion that they were of pressing importance for the interests of the City of Boston. They voted for the item for schoolhouses, because they had information from the Schoolhouse Commissioners that the money was needed, and needed right away. The money was needed also for street improvements, right away. The season for improving streets is now. Money is needed to improve the streets, and for that reason the committee voted for these two measures, reporting them to the Board of Aldermen on last Monday. The item for the Insane Hospital Department was put into the bill because it was shown that the money was absolutely needed, and needed now, so that that institution could care for the inmates there; and I trust, fellow members of the Council, that the report of the committee will be accepted, and that the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23 with not be adopted.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I think it is necessary, perhaps, for me to correct some of the statements that have been made here. At the start I want to inform the gentleman who has just taken his seat that my feelings are not hurt in the least, and I don't think they can be hurt by anything that any member may say here with good intent and truthfully. There has been some deviation from the facts, however, Mr. President, in the statement that the gentleman from Wd. 7 (Mr. McDermott) has made. I did not say that I would dissent from the street improvement loan before the motion was put. I think, if he will recollect as I do, he will recollect that I said I would use the right I had in the committee after the motion was put; and I did state before the committee that I considered a division of the money for the different parts of the city necessary. I want to inform the gentleman from Wd. 2 (Mr. Carter), also, that I did not, do not, and will not resort to log-rolling. If he considers it log-rolling, Mr. President, he made the proposition himself to me that if I would specify items for the

Street Department he would vote for it—whether he meant now or in the committee, I do not know. But to accuse a member of log-rolling in the Council, Mr. President, and to apparently act as a log-roller in the committee, to me does not seem consistent.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is out of order, and is acting in an unfair manner, when he is discussing the subject upon which the Chair stated that I should not be allowed to make any statement. I did not make any statement in answer to his question at the time, because of the expressed opinion of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I do not propose to take any unfair advantage of any member here, but I do propose, if it is in order, to correct statements that perhaps might be misconstrued. Mr. President, the gentleman remarked, "Why did not the Committee specify the items for the Schoolhouse Commission?" Perhaps he meant specifying them for the different districts. He knows, perhaps, that the Common Council has no right to specify where the money shall be spent by the Schoolhouse Commission.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the time for debate has expired.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, for that reason we have no right to specify to the Schoolhouse Commission where they shall spend the money. The School Committee, I believe, specify where the money shall be spent, the Schoolhouse Commission using the money as far as they can, following out the recommendations of the School Committee. If the gentleman from Wd. 2 is willing that the judgment of the powers that be be taken as far as the necessary improvements to the different districts of the city are concerned, he has a right, of course, to his opinion, the same as I have to mine. But in the past our experiences in the ward I have the honor in part to represent has not been that past Superintendents, irrespective of party, have considered that it was necessary to spend very much money in Wd. 23. When accepted streets in Wd. 23 are in the condition that they are, when, without any exaggeration, trees are growing in the middle of accepted streets, so that a carriage or team, however small, cannot get through it. I say it is time that something was done. Judging from the past, Mr. President, I believe we should know where this money is to go, or we should specify where this money is to be spent, and then each district of the city will get its proportionate share—and my substitute provides for a proportionate share for each section of the city. That is the fair way, Mr. President; it is the just way to my mind—and if fairness and justice are log-rolling, then this is log-rolling, Mr. President.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move the previous question. The question came on ordering the main question.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I should like to say something upon my amendment, and if the previous question prevails, I shall be unable to do so.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that if the previous question is ordered, the question will first come on all pending amendments, and then on the passage of the original order, although it would deprive gentlemen of the opportunity to debate this order.

Mr. PIERCE—Will the time be limited?

The PRESIDENT—The gentlemen would not be allowed to debate his order if the main question was ordered.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that at this time the previous question will not prevail. I shall be very glad indeed to vote for any limitation of debate which any member may fairly propose; but I think it is only fair play to the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce), and to the gentleman from Wd. 23 in the fourth division (Mr. Price), that we should know something about the substitutes which they offer. For my own part, I am frank to say that I do not even know what the substitute that has come from the gentleman from Wd. 23 is, and I hope I shall have some information not only as to what both these substitutes are, but why they are contended for. It seems to me only just, even if we limit the time for debate—which I shall be very glad to vote for—to allow both sides to discuss the substitutes they have offered.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not prevail. This is my first year as a member of this body, and I would like to be enlightened in respect to this loan bill. There are members of the body who have been here for two or three years and have had their instruction in previous years, learning all they wished to learn, and for that reason they see fit to come in here and move the previous question on matters coming before the body upon which the rest of us would like information. I don't think that is fair. I think the majority of the members this year are first year members, and a thing of this kind, which involves over a million dollars, should be threshed out fairly and squarely in this body. I don't think it is fair to stop debate by moving the previous question, because I think the members who have come here this year should learn about these things and find out what they are voting for. I think I may say, without fear of contradiction, that not one-third of the members of the body will know what they are voting for if they vote for this loan bill before it is threshed out. I hope the previous question will not prevail.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be ordered now, but that every member here will be given an opportunity to talk upon the matter. If they have amendments, let us hear the arguments. I believe, as a member of the Finance Committee, that we should hear the arguments of the members.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, while I do not intend to vote for any substitute offered for this loan bill, I hope the members of the Council will not order the previous question now. I think the gentleman from Wd. 22 (Mr. Hourin) has been a little previous in stating his opinion of the third-year men here, because, as one of them, I oppose moving the previous question at this time. While I will not vote for the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) I believe it is only courtesy to allow him to debate it, and I hope the members will not vote for the previous question.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, since there is a great desire on the part of the members to discuss the matter, I move that the substitutes and the loan order be laid upon the table for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, we have heard and read a great deal lately about the state legislature interfering with the government of affairs of the City of Boston, and I want to tell the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Barrett) that it is such action as he is trying to have taken tonight, shutting off debate on a loan bill of over \$1,800,000, that leads to such interference. It is such action that drive men to the state legislature, when men show that Boston is not able to govern itself; and if a motion of this sort goes

through, shutting off debate upon this matter, I say that the City Council of Boston is not able to govern itself.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I intended to say that I hoped the previous question would not be put, but so many members have already expressed their views to that effect that I will merely congratulate the body on the wonderful stride it has made in courtesy since the appropriation bill was before the house.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I hope and trust the main question will not be ordered. With all due respect and courtesy to Mr. Barrett of Wd. 18, I will say that I know he probably made that motion with the intention of stopping debate, feeling that enough had been said.

Mr. BARRETT—That is just it, exactly.

Mr. NEWTON—But there are probably many new members here who would like to discuss the loan bill. In regard to the various substitutes that have been offered, I have no doubt that this main loan bill is the best one that could be presented. Although there are some features of it that I may not agree with, as I did not agree with certain features of the loan bill of last year, I find that the most plausible method is to investigate these methods the best you can, and after one year's experience I have found that my ward has been treated as well as any, and if this \$300,000 is given to the Superintendent of Streets I believe it will be distributed with equality. I know that in Wd. 23 there is a tremendous territory to cover. When you find one lamp post out there you have to travel a mile before you find another (Laughter), and it is hard to fix that section up. But, as far as roads in Wd. 23 are concerned the matter will right itself, because good roads will be tramped out by our honored friends in that district who will be candidates for office in a house to house canvass. (Laughter.) I sincerely hope the previous question will not be ordered.

Mr. BARRETT—Mr. President, if after all that has been said tonight, there are any gentlemen present who do not understand the loan bill, I think it is in order for the City Messenger to procure a mallet. (Laughter.)

The main question was declared not ordered.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I move that further debate of the substitute offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23 be limited to fifteen minutes.

The motion was carried.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, there has been much discussion here to-night about the schoolhouse item not being itemized. I would refer the members of this body to page 8 of the City Council minutes, where they will find that at the first meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on inauguration day, a message was sent in by the Mayor, coming originally from the schoolhouse commission, containing in detail a statement of the purposes for which this appropriation was asked. And that is the way that the City Council ought to be treated. If it is asked to appropriate money, it should be told where the money is going. Otherwise we are mere dummies here, taking the dictation of others, who are running this municipality, and we have no excuse for existence. If the City Council appropriates this money, it does so upon its own responsibility. It ought to know whether there is justification for the appropriation. Now, I submit—

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, will the gentleman receive some information on the subject upon which he is speaking?

Mr. FERBER—Very gladly.

Mr. CARTER—I desire to say that the itemized account will be found in a report of the school committee which has been

published and which is at the school committee rooms, I presume.

Mr. FERBER—I don't know where else it may be found, but certainly it has been before this body since Jan. 4, which has given every member of the Council a chance to investigate. If it is to be found somewhere else, I am glad of it. Now, I don't know whether this \$300,000 for streets, after virtually \$1,100,000 has been appropriated, besides the department appropriation is or is not the most pressing need of the city of Boston at this date. With only \$81,000 left to appropriate, with orders introduced by nearly every gentleman in this Council for various improvements in the different districts, with orders for playgrounds and orders for buildings, I am not prepared, and I don't honestly believe any member of this Council is prepared, tonight, to say that this \$300,000 had better be spent for the Street Department than for playgrounds or for other various municipal purposes. If there is \$1,300,000 to spend for street improvements for the present, we ought to know that fact. The schoolhouse order has lain here since Jan. 4, and it seems to me we ought to have some time to look into this street matter, and ought not to act upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Streets in these large matters without investigation. If we are to take away every function that this body is supposed to enjoy, we might as well eliminate ourselves as a body. If the Chair will permit a digression—the Chair himself has digressed in stating his position on the previous question and upon division of the question—I would call the attention of the Chair to the fact that if he had looked further into the order offered by the gentlemen from Wd. 18 earlier in the year—

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Owing to the fact that the debate is limited to fifteen minutes, I don't think it is fair for the gentleman from Wd. 10 to take up the time raising questions that do not belong to the matter under discussion at all.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is inclined to give to the gentleman the same latitude that he took himself.

Mr. FERBER—I merely wish to suggest to the Chair that if he had read further in that order he would have found that the \$15,000 which the order provided for taking from the reserve fund included two items, one of \$5000 and one of \$10,000, for the other departments which he named, the \$15,000 making one caption, as in this order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10, that it does not make one caption, as in this order; that this order states specifically "that the sum of \$1,825,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purposes specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount," etc. The other order he refers to provides that the sum of \$10,000 be given to such a department and that the sum of \$5000 be given to another department, taking \$15,000 from the reserve fund. That can be very properly divided, because there are two specific orders. In this case there is an order providing for the borrowing and appropriation of \$1,825,000. If you accept the first two items under it and reject the third, you have items totalling \$1,525,000, and yet you have passed an order for \$1,825,000; and there is nobody who is authorized to certify that that total in the order should be changed, and it can only be changed by amendment, as I have stated.

Mr. FERBER—If the Chair will permit, I will merely suggest, as far as the order introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 18 was concerned, that if we had only passed the item appropriating the \$5000, we would

still have had the provision in the remaining part of the order for taking the \$15,000 from the reserve fund. You would have the same contingency.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will admit that, but it is not preceded by any order which carries a certain amount.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I do not care to talk again on this question. I simply wish to say that if the schoolhouse commissioners did not specify where they wanted to spend the money which they asked for, the gentleman from Wd. 10 would vote for it, anyway; and there is not a member of the Council who would dare to vote against it, whether that commission specified where the money was to go, or did not specify where it was to go. He knows that, and everybody knows it. They do not have to specify where the money is to go. But in case of the Street Department, in the opinion of that gentleman that is different. Now, I think that the policy which the Superintendent of Streets has in the past established is a good policy—the policy of refusing to specify where the money is to go. The gentleman from Wd. 23 knows very well that \$25,000 is not enough to put streets out there in that district in good condition. He knows that \$25,000 would not go one-eighth of the way in satisfying the wants of that ward, and he will not be disappointed if this loan bill is passed. He will not be disappointed if his substitute bill is rejected, because he believes that he has done his duty and he feels satisfied in opposing this loan order. I trust, Mr. President, that the report of the Committee will be accepted.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, the main argument in favor of the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23, as I understand it, is that he apportions the appropriation for the street department on a fairer and more equitable basis. Now, he makes an equal distribution of the lump sum among the different districts of the city. That is what he calls a fair and equitable distribution. He asks the Council to vote for his substitute order upon the strength of that argument. Now, Mr. President, that very argument which he offers to this Council, in and of itself, is an unfair and inequitable argument. It must be manifest to every member of this body that the needs of no two sections of this city can be the same. It is quite obvious that the needs of the Back Bay district in regard to repairing streets may not be the same as the needs of a down-town district, and therefore the award of \$25,000 to one district, which is not in need of it, and an award of \$25,000 to another district which needs more than that sum is unfair and inequitable on its face. I hope, Mr. President, that this attempted apportionment of the appropriation for the street department will not prevail, and that the bill will be passed as originally presented, with the privilege accorded to the Superintendent of Streets of apportioning the sum entrusted to him as he may see fit, and consider wise in his discretion.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute order offered by Mr. Conway of Wd. 23. The president directed that the roll be called, and the substitute order was rejected, the vote on adopting it being—yeas 11; nays 52.

Yeas—Brazzell, Conway (23), Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, McDonald, J. M., McKnight, Price, Richardson, Simms, Warner—11.

Nays—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Cadogan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Graumann, Harrington, Higgins, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, McKenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McConagle, McKie, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson,

Pierce, Rachkowsky, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L.—52.

Absent or not voting—Bell, Callahan, Collins, J. F., Colman, Dolan, Good, McKinney, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Williams, Wood—12.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute order offered by Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I wish, first, to thank the members of the Council for their courtesy in not ordering the previous question, so that I might say something on my order. Mr. President, I object to the item of \$300,000 for street improvements. I object to it on the ground that money for temporary improvements or for current expenses should be raised out of the tax levy, and not by means of loans. Already, we have appropriated \$500,000 for this very purpose out of the tax levy, this very year. When a man is in financial difficulties, there are two methods which he may adopt to get out of them. One is to shut off all unnecessary expenditures, reduce his extravagances and his luxuries. The other is to mortgage his real estate, or to sell his real estate, or to borrow money from his friends. The first policy will eventually lead him to permanent relief. The second is a ruinous and make-shift policy, and eventually will lead to ruin. The present administration, I am sorry to say, has adopted the second policy. What have they done? Only last year they passed an order through this Council enabling the administration to sell real estate of the city of Boston to pay current expenses, and they did sell real estate to the extent of \$150,000. Under that same order they took the damages in a land suit, paid to the city, to the extent of \$189,600, and spent it for current expenses. Last year they borrowed \$300,000 to pay the interest and sinking fund charges on the loans for highways. This year they have already borrowed \$600,000 for the same purpose. And I was looking over the Auditor's report very recently, and I discovered that they have done something even worse than that. They have taken \$292,000 out of the Cochituate Water Sinking Fund and are using it to pay the current expenses of that department. Nothing could be more pernicious than that! And now, Mr. President, they ask us to go further and to borrow money for street improvements. Mr. Chairman, I think the administration would have done better if it had adopted the first policy—the policy of retrenchment. That would have been a businesslike, an economical policy. Heavens knows, there is plenty of opportunity for putting into operation that policy in the city of Boston at the present time.

I was told only the other day by some one in whose judgment I can rely, that there were over one thousand employees in the Street Department alone whose services could be dispensed with. I was told by an equally reliable authority that nearly one-half the employees in the Water Department could be dispensed with. By my own personal investigation, I have come to the conclusion that 15 per cent. of the draw-tenders' pay roll could be dispensed with. And if 15 per cent. of that pay roll can be dispensed with, I am convinced that 15 per cent. of the pay roll of the entire City of Boston could be dispensed with. That would result in a saving of nearly two million dollars annually. I submit, Mr. President, that that would be a very simple method by which to get out of the present financial conditions existing in the City of Boston. Now, I wish to call your attention to the fact that Gov. Bates has acted, during this very session, upon the very same principle which I have invoked here to-night, in the case of a bill allowing the City of Fall River to incur indebtedness beyond the debt limit for street improve-

ments. The governor based his veto upon this very principle, that street paving was a temporary improvement, and should not be paid for by money raised by loan. I submit that his judgment was good, and I submit that the policy of borrowing money for street improvements is a pernicious one. I submit that it is a makeshift policy, and a policy that will lead us into trouble, if persisted in. I hope that the substitute order which I have offered will prevail.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything this evening upon this question, because I felt that the original bill, as reported by the Committee on Finance, should go through and should be passed, but I feel that I ought to say a few words in reply to what has been said by the gentleman in this division (Mr. Pierce). I feel that his remarks, if allowed to go unanswered, might make a wrong impression upon the public at large. In respect to the condition of the finances of the city, Mr. President, the present administration, as far as I can learn, has met the conditions and not made them. The condition of the city's finances, as he found them, was deplorable. We do not care to what that condition was due, but it is a fact that it was due to misgovernment and a lax policy in the matter of expending the money on the part of previous administrations. If there is any one thing that this administration can be complimented on, Mr. President, I think it has been the desire of the administration to live within the debt limit and keep down the expenditure of money in every possible way. Further, I believe that I ought to make answer to the gentleman when he says that he has received reliable authority that the payrolls of the City of Boston have on them, in one department, 1000 men, and in another department, 500 men, who can be dispensed with. He does not name his authority. Gentlemen, we may be glad that the City of Boston has at least heads of departments who have the confidence of a man who has been elected by the largest vote ever given to a candidate for the office which he holds—the present Mayor. That man receives from his heads of departments reports. He scrutinizes those reports and I feel that certain statements going forth, through the columns of the press, are unfair, unless the gentleman making them names the parties who gave him that information. I submit to every gentleman here that an argument of that nature, advanced against the report of a finance committee, should receive absolutely no weight, and that anything which is not germane to the question of whether or not it is wise or unwise to divide the sum of \$300,000 should not be considered.

Speaking to that question, I can only say this, that if we want to get the service of anybody on a certain thing, we go to a man who is acquainted in that line. We go to an expert—and the gentlemen who have the expending of this money are experts in regard to the best way in which to spend it. They know the condition of the streets. They know where the money is needed. I know, Mr. President, that every district will be treated justly, and that the money will be judiciously and well expended.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 offered the following as a substitute:—

7. Ordered, That the sum of one million six hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$1,675,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the departments hereinafter named, and for the purpose specified; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount, viz.:—

Furnishing of new buildings at Austin Farm to be expended by the Insane Hospital Department \$25,000 00

School-house Department, Land and buildings for schools.....	1,500,000 00
Park Department, for construction of parkways on lands now owned by the City of Boston for parkways.....	50,000 00
Street Department, for Street improvements	100,000 00
	\$1,675,000 00

The PRESIDENT.—The question comes on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Price of Wd. 23, the order offered by him being for a larger amount than that offered by Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11.

Mr. PRICE.—Mr. President, in offering this substitute order, I do so with the thought that if the Street Department of the City of Boston has spent its appropriation, we had better give it something to tide it over. Therefore, I have included \$100,000 in this order—for that reason, only. I do not believe that the Street Department needs this money to keep the men at work, because the Governor of this Commonwealth has this week vetoed a bill which would have allowed \$300,000 for the construction of certain highways, for the reason that the Mayor of this city would not appear at the legislature and sanction that bill. The Governor has also vetoed the Stony Brook improvement bill, which allowed the expenditure of \$300,000 for that purpose, and he has vetoed it for the same reason. This department, therefore, Mr. President, cannot be in great need of money. If it were, the Mayor of Boston would have appeared there and sanctioned those bills. That was all that was necessary. If he had appeared there the Governor would have signed them. We have heard a good deal here in this Council about the laboring man. The Finance Committee, for some reason or other, forgot that there were other departments besides the Street Department, which employed laboring men. The Park Department employs laboring men, and I have put \$50,000 in my order for that department, and have provided that it must go into the pockets of the laboring men in that department. I have distinctly specified that that \$50,000 shall be used for the construction of parkways now owned as parkways by the City of Boston. The Finance Committee, for some reason or other, saw fit to recommend the appropriation of \$300,000, to be expended by one particular department—the Street Department. Mr. President, I would say right now that I would not trust my own brother, if he were Superintendent of Streets of Boston, with the expenditure of \$300,000, if there was nothing more designating where that \$300,000 was going to than there is in this order. There is absolutely nothing in this order as to where that money shall be spent. For that reason, I have offered this substitute order, and I hope that it will prevail.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13.—Mr. President, I feel that neither the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23, nor the one offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 should be considered. I believe it is a little unreasonable for the gentleman from Wd. 11, a man of his means and consideration, to stand up in this chamber and say that the City of Boston should be put in a better financial condition by discharging fifteen per cent of the city laborers, and particularly the draw-tenders. I know that, living in the locality in which he resides, he has had no particular occasion to meet the draw-tenders or know the conditions in respect to draw-bridges. I would be pleased to have him come with me either tomorrow morning or the next morning, or any morning within months and go with me and try to get over the Mount Washington Ave. or the new Summer St. Bridges. If you go over to the Mount Washington Ave. Bridge at a quarter-of-seven in the morning, you will find that there are three men there, and that they

have all they can do trying to turn an old-fashioned draw by means of a crank. They have all they can do to turn it around, and you will hear the people going to work swearing and saying everything they can think of, because they will have to be late and they get docked. You will find that those men were doing the best that they could; but it is no three men that you need, but ninety-nine men to turn that bloody old bridge. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. NEWTON—Gentlemen, I beg the pardon of the Council for using words that may not seem proper. If you go further on, to the Summer-St. Bridge, now that the Congress-St. Bridge is closed, you will find there tomorrow morning, between six and seven o'clock two hundred teams waiting to go through, and nine or ten coal barges going through—

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentlemen is not speaking to the question which we have under consideration, which is the matter of appropriating money for that department.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken.

Mr. NEWTON—Mr. President, I will abide by the gentleman's point of order. Inasmuch as the gentleman from Wd. 11 was extended the courtesy of being allowed to speak against the city employees when he was speaking in favor of his substitute order, I believed I had a right to defend those men. I hope that the order recommended by the Finance Committee will be passed. If that gentleman was getting two dollars a day, and had to get down in the mud and dig for it, he would not want to be discharged. I do not want anybody to be discharged. I know that the Interstate Commerce and Navigation Laws give navigation the right of way, and that is the reason why we have to wait for the coal barges to go through. If you wish to save money, Mr. President, don't stop making appropriations for these purposes, but stop giving the Back Bay its beautiful park systems, when they have nothing but dogs to run through them instead of children. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The question is on the substitute order offered by Mr. Price of Wd. 23. The Chair wishes at this time to suggest that it would be only in accordance with the rules of propriety, as well as parliamentary law, that all personal allusions be kept out of this discussion. The Chair has also noticed with a great deal of sorrow that there appears to be on the part of some a disposition—I do not feel that it is a malicious disposition, but that it is a careless one—to create some little disturbance here, whereas, we have in the past been in the habit of living a quiet sort of pastoral life. The Chair would suggest that it would be perhaps more in keeping with the dignity of the body, and more in keeping with the duty which we owe to our constituents, if the members of the Council attended the meetings of the Council in the Chamber, instead of in the ante-rooms. The result of the present practice has been that invariably men come into this chamber and request information, after a matter has been under debate for an hour—information which they would have had if they had remained in this chamber. Although a man may have a considerable amount of patience, it is extremely trying to be called upon every night to give information to men who persist in remaining out of the chamber when matters are under discussion; and, in the future, the Chair will feel compelled to refuse requests for information if they come from gentlemen who have seen fit to absent themselves from the meeting, only coming in here to vote on a roll call. A great deal is said by some people about members not

knowing what they vote upon. If the members came and sat in their chairs here, they would know what they were doing. It is only fair to members of the Council who are interested in its proceedings that the other members should come and remain here in the chamber—or, if they persist in saying in the ante-rooms, they should at least preserve decorum while there.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I move that the time allowed for debate upon any substitute for the Committee's report be limited to ten minutes.

The motion was carried.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute order offered by Mr. Price of Wd. 23.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I would like to say a word against this item of \$300,000 for street improvements. It is a very blind item, it appears to me. It does not state where the money is to be spent, and it states only in general terms what it is to be spent for. Now, if this \$300,000 is to be spent for paving new streets, or for repaving old streets, or for any other purpose, why is it not possible for the Superintendent of Streets to give us that information? I believe that he can make up an itemized statement of where that money is needed better than any member of the Council. He has the needs of the department in mind, and can state those needs more intelligently and better than anyone else. There is no reason why he cannot give that information in detail—at least, more in detail than we have it in the order here. He ought to give us some definite sort of a bill, a bill which I can say "Yes" or "No" to with some intelligence. I hope that the substitute offered by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) will pass.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Price of Wd. 23.

Mr. DALTON of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I wish to say just a few words along the same line covered by my colleague, Mr. Lacey, who has just spoken. First, in regard to that district which the gentleman behind me, in getting up to speak upon this question of eliminating this one item, has spoken of so discourteously, I wish to say that the street improvements in Wd. 11 have been few and far between. Since the Park Commissioners have taken charge of Commonwealth Ave., Beacon St. has been turned over for teaming, and all the heavy teaming and heavy express wagons have been sent over that street. A few years ago, that street was asphalted, and since then no work has been done upon it. It is so bad at the present time, from Charles St. out to Massachusetts Ave., that light carriages and cabs are unable to go over that street. No improvements of any kind have been made there. I say this because I am going to vote for the substitute order offered by Mr. Pierce, and I do not want the members to feel that it is because we have had too much of the money. I also believe that, in the large appropriations we have already made for the Street Department, and the large appropriations we have already passed for all kinds of improvements, we are approaching our debt limit, and I know that, from a financial standpoint, the bonds of the city of Boston do not bring as large a premium as they used to. If we keep on this way, the bonds of the city of Boston will be eliminated from the investments which our savings banks can make. Our savings banks are governed by the very strictest rules. They are obliged to invest only in securities of such cities and municipalities as can show a very small debt. This seems to me a case where we have already appropriated a large sum, and where economy in this department seems a perfectly fair and just measure.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President,

the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Newton) has referred to the conditions existing on the Mount Washington Ave. bridge and the Summer St. bridge. I would like to say that the other morning I was over on the Mount Washington Ave. bridge and I said to one of the assistant draw-tenders: "What has become of Mr. So-and-So? Is he here?" And the answer was: "No; he is down on the Malden bridge." I said, "How do you get along without him here?" "Oh," he said, "we didn't need him, anyway." Now, that man there five months had been drawing his pay. There were ten men on the pay roll assigned to that bridge, and Mr. Lomasney himself said that nine were sufficient; and under the eight-hour law, which he gives as an excuse, under Mr. Hart's administration there were only eight men on that bridge—and it was well manned, too. He speaks of the Summer St. bridge. I was there the other day, and I was told that there were the regular nine draw-tenders, and that there were six in addition from the Congress St. bridge—fifteen in all. I went to another bridge to find out about a tenth man who appeared on the payroll from there, and I asked the draw-tender where he was. "Way," he said, "he is over on the Summer St. bridge." Now, I knew that there already were fifteen men there, and I am still wondering where that man really is. I know that he draws his pay.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the gentleman in this division has referred to the fact that this has been an economical administration.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 10 that the question is not whether this has been an economical administration or not. The question is on the merits of the bill offered by the gentleman from Wd. 23. The Chair has allowed a great deal of latitude, but owing to the lateness of the hour he feels compelled to confine the members to the question before the body.

Mr. FERBER—It is a question for this body to consider, Mr. President, whether if we appropriate all this money we will not reach our debt limit almost immediately and whether all the money we can possibly borrow will not then have been borrowed so that other improvements must be neglected. It is also a question for us to consider if we appropriate this money—and this, by the way, is recommended by the administration, and every expenditure that has been passed by this Council has been recommended by this administration—that we may be very seriously embarrassing the city financially. We find ourselves in this condition, that we have never before in the history of the city of Boston at this time of the year had so small a borrowing capacity as we have this year. There has never been as little money to be borrowed as this year, and that upon a debt limit which was raised one-half per cent. on the average valuation only four years ago. Mr. President, in my opinion it was suicidal at that time to raise the debt limit, because the City of Boston has been running itself into debt so that its bonds, as you are informed, are not selling at premiums as high as formerly. If we continue this policy of borrowing every cent the very moment we have a right to do it—

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the time limit set for debate has expired.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, the ten minutes having expired. The question is on the adoption of Mr. Price's substitute.

Mr. Price's substitute was declared rejected. Mr. Conway of Wd. 23 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

The substitute offered by Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 was declared rejected. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote and asked for the yeas

and nays, which were ordered by a rising vote, and the substitute was rejected, yeas 13, nays 48:

Yeas—Cook, Dalton, Ferber, Graumann, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, McKnight, Pierce, Richardson, Simms, Warner—13.

Nays—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Carter, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L.—48.

Assent or not voting—Bell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conway, (23), Dolan, Good, Jepson, McKinney, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams, Wood—14.

The question came on the passage of the loan bill as reported, in concurrence.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I desire to state, perhaps more for my own sake than for the benefit of this Council, that I propose to vote in favor of this bill, solely upon the ground of the crying need of the schools for the money which is contained in this budget. I do not believe that this Council should as a rule take the position of saying "After us the deluge," and leave our debts for a future generation to pay. But, at the same time, I think the need of the schools of the City of Boston is sufficiently pressing to allow me to conscientiously give my vote in favor of the loan order.

The loan bill was passed in concurrence—yeas 58, nays 7.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Carter, Colbert, Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—53.

Nays—Dalton, Lacey, MacLoud, Pierce, Price, Simms, Warner—7.

Absent or not voting—Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conway (23), Ferber, Good, Jepson, Williams, Wood—10.

Mr. GETHRO of Wd. 9 moved to reconsider; lost.

SEATS ON COMMON.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Common Council if there is any appropriation to which the furnishing of additional seats on the Common and Public Garden could be charged.

Referred to the Mayor.

COMMONWEALTH PARK IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to cause the grounds of Commonwealth Park to be placed in proper condition for baseball playing and other games.

Referred to the Mayor.

RATES FOR HOSE.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor be requested to reduce the rates for the use of

hose in the different sections of this city.
Passed, under a suspension of the rules.
Sent up.

MEMORIAL TO COLONEL BOGAN.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 called up No. 9, past assignment, viz.:

9. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Art Department for the erection in Charlestown of a memorial of Colonel Fred B. Bogan; and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

The question came on the motion of Mr. Conway (3) to reconsider the vote of February 11, whereby the Council refused to suspend the rule so that the above order might go on its passage.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the Council, the order having been on the calendar for such a long time, that the order was introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance; that the Council refused to suspend the rule so that the order might be put upon its passage, and that Mr. Conway of Wd. 3 moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Council refused to suspend the rule. The question is on reconsideration of the vote whereby the Council refused to suspend the rule.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I don't suppose I need say anything at this time upon this order. The members of the Council have probably seen the order commented upon favorably in some of the daily and Sunday newspapers. It has been upon the calendar for such a very long time that all the members of the Council must be fully conversant with its text; and I will, therefore, conclude by saying that I hope reconsideration will prevail and that the order may come before the Council and be passed by the body.

The motion to reconsider was declared lost. Mr. Murray doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and reconsideration was declared carried, twenty-six members in the affirmative, thirteen in the negative.

When the affirmative was called in the third division, it was first announced as 12, and then as 13, and the President declared it as 12. Mr. Murray doubted the vote in the third division.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 5, that the Chair accepted the return at the time it was given, and it has since been amplified by one vote, which the Chair does not care to count, for the reason, which the Chair stated once before this evening, that members who desire to participate in the count should stay in the chamber.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I move that the rule be suspended at this time, that the order may go upon its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The refusal to suspend the rule having been reconsidered, the Chair will state that the question at the present time is on suspension of the rule. That is the question before the Council.

The rule was declared suspended. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by rising vote. The Council stood divided, and refused to suspend the rule, 27 members in the affirmative and 15 in the negative.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I further doubt the vote and ask for a verification by roll call.

The yeas and nays were ordered, and the rule was suspended, yeas 33, nays 17.

Yeas—Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Collins, H. J., Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin,

Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Graumann, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr.—33.

Nays—Abbett, Bell, Colbert, Cook, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Warner—17.

Absent or not voting—Barry, Cadogan, Calahan, Carter, Collins, J. F., Colman, Conway (23), Dolan, Driscoll, Ewell, Fitzgerald, T. F., Good, Hanley, Higgins, McKnight, Richardson, Stalker, Williams, Wood—19.

The question came on the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

OPENING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be respectfully requested to cause the Municipal Building on Columbia Road to be opened for the use of the public.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16—Mr. President, I trust that His Honor the Mayor will give due consideration to this matter and that some action will be taken towards opening this building for the use of the public. That municipal building in the Dorchester District, in the section known as Wd. 16, has been in course of erection for the last three years and has been completed since last October. The people are protesting against the delay in opening it. They are very anxious that some action shall be taken with that end in view; and I sincerely trust that His Honor the Mayor will act upon the matter favorably.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF MCKENZIE BEACH

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the sum of \$5000 be hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Department in providing proper bathing facilities on McKenzie Beach; and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16—Mr. Chairman, there has been so much discussion of the different items in the loan bill tonight, that I move that this matter be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The order was assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

MENAGERIE, FRANKLIN PARK.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners in the establishment of a menagerie in Franklin Park, and that to meet such appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

WD. 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an arc light at the corner of London and Porter Sts., East Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to place seats in the Belmont Square Park, and Central

Square Park, for the accommodation of the people.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 2 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to place Belmont Park, Wd. 2, in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF VAN WINKLE ST.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Van Winkle St., east of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R., as a public way.

Passed. Sent up.

DEARBORN SCHOOL CONTRACT.

Mr. REAGAN of Wd. 14, for Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this Council the reason why the contract for the building of the Dearborn District School has not been let.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, SHANNON ST.

Mr. KELLEY of Wd. 18, for Mr. Barry of Wd. 25, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a gas lamp on Shannon St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

OPENING OF SIDE DOORS, ELEVATED

Mr. GETTHRO of Wd. 9 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor communicate with the Boston Elevated Railroad and request of said corporation to have the side doors of all trains opened at each station on each stop, and to furnish enough men at each station to see that the safety of the public will be fully assured during all running hours, the same that is now done only on what is known as rush hours.

Referred to the Mayor.

CONCERTS, WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

Mr. GETTHRO of Wd. 9 offered an order—That the Music Trustees in preparing their list of summer concerts be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide that a proportionate share of the concerts shall take place at the Wd. 9 Playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be for two weeks, namely, to June 2, 1904, at 7:45 P.M.

Passed.

FOOTBALL GAME, JULY 4TH.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Fourth of July Committee include the sum of \$100 for the Boston Rovers football game.

Referred to the Committee on Fourth of July.

CHARGE OF GRAND ARMY RECEPTION.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 called up No. 6, reconsideration, viz:

Ordered, That a special committee of twenty-five (25) members of the Council, one from each ward (which shall include the President of this Council), and such members of the Board of Aldermen as the Board may see fit to add, be appointed to take full charge of the city's entertainment and reception of the Grand Army of the Republic during their visit to this city in August.

The question came on the motion (notice filed by Mr. Cook) to reconsider the

vote of April 14, whereby the above order was passed.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24—Mr. President, I don't think it very courteous, since the gentleman who presented the order is not here, to call it up tonight, to have it taken up in this way, and I trust that Mr. Cook will withdraw his motion. I would move assignment of the order to the next meeting.

The question came on assignment.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I have no special objection to assignment, but it has been my intention to call this matter up at the earliest opportunity and I have presumed that the gentleman from Wd. 20 (Mr. Wood) was aware of that fact. I tried at the last meeting before adjournment was had, rising once or twice, to bring this matter to the consideration of the Council, because I thought it ought to be gotten out of the way one way or the other. Of course, the gentleman from Wd. 20 was fully aware that it was on the calendar. If, however, it appeals to the fair play of the Council that we should await the convenience of the gentleman from Wd. 20, I would be the last man in this body to ask the Council to do anything which did not coincide with its sense of fair play; and, if the Council sees fit to so vote, I shall not interpose any negative vote on the question.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was carried.

USE OF WOOD ISLAND PARK ROAD.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 called up No. 7, assignment, viz:

7. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in reply to an order of the City Council, relative to use of road around Wood Island Park by pleasure vehicles. (City Doc. 75.)

The question came on placing the message on file.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd.—Mr. President, would it be in order for me to make a few remarks at the present time in reference to this matter?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will recognize the gentleman for that purpose.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, the Park Commissioners have submitted a report in relation to this order which I introduced in the Council some time since, and have decided that they cannot act favorably upon my order. That report has been printed as a public document, and the members of the Council know the reasons which they have advanced for that decision. Their reasons, in brief, are, first: That the road around Wood Island Park is not properly constructed for the passage of vehicles; secondly, that it is not wide enough, and that people would be run over; third, that in order to make the road proper for the use of vehicles a large amount of money would have to be expended for alteration, and, because they have not the money, they cannot entertain the matter favorably. I wish to say, Mr. President, that it was not my intention in introducing this order to ask for the expenditure of any money. That was the farthest from my purpose. I simply introduced the order thinking that it called for a letting down of the bars, so to speak, and that no expenditure of money would be necessary. But, apart from that, I will say that I went down to the park last Sunday and examined the road. It is of rock construction, there has been teaming over it, for the purpose of repairs, and all that teaming has been by heavy carts—and the road shows no appreciable wear. That disposes of the first argument, that the road is not a proper road for the use of vehicles. In regard to the second argument, that people would be run over, I would say that all the teams could pass in at one entrance and out at the other, and

there would be no need of their meeting in the driveway. In conclusion, Mr. President, I will say that of course the report of the Park Commission is absolute, and there is no appeal from their decision, but I am still convinced that there is a large number of people in East Boston who think that the Park Commission might reasonably have permitted them to use the road around Wood Island Park in its present condition.

The communication was placed on file.

WARREN COMMEMORATIVE EXERCISES.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20, for Mr. Cook of Wd. 21, offered the following:—

Ordered, That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause exercises commemorative of Joseph Warren to be held in all grammar schools in the Roxbury district on June 16, 1904.

Referred to the Mayor.

REMOVAL OF TREE, WARREN ST.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20, for Mr. Cook of Wd. 21, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove the tree at the junction of Warren and Regent Sts., near the Warren statue before June 17, 1904, as said tree interferes with the view and endangers the beauty of said statue.

Referred to the Mayor.

NAMING OF SQ., WARREN ST.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20, for Mr. Cook of Wd. 21, offered an order—That the open space at the intersection of Warren, Regent and St. James Sts., be named and hereafter known as Joseph Warren Sq.

Mr. CARTER of Wd. 2—Mr. President, I move that that matter be referred to the Committee on Street Laying Out Department.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I trust that that motion will not prevail, but that the order may be assigned until Mr. Cook is here, so that he may have an opportunity to state his reasons for introducing the order.

Mr. CARTER—Mr. President, I shall be willing to have the order assigned, if the gentleman wishes that done—though I think the members who remain at the meetings should determine matters of this sort.

On motion of Mr. BELL, further consideration of the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

BAND CONCERTS, DOLAN SQ.

Mr. CONBOY of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Music Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give two band concerts this summer in Dolan Sq., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, ORCHARD PARK.

Mr. CONBOY offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate an ice water drinking fountain in Orchard Park, Wd. 17, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

COMPLETION OF NORTH END BATHHOUSE.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the sum of \$40,000 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the completion of the all-the-year-round bathhouse, North End, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of His Honor the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston for said amount.

Mr. McMACKIN moved that the rule be suspended, and asked that action on the motion be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion was carried.

COPP'S HILL BURIAL GROUND TO BE OPENED.

Mr. McMACKIN offered an order—That the Cemetery Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be instructed to cause Copp's Hill Burial Grounds to be kept open to the public from May 1st to November 1st, as prescribed by the rules and regulations of said Trustees.

Referred to the Mayor.

FIRE ALARM BOX, BRIGHTON.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Summit Ave. and Allston St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIBRARY FOR CITY GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered an order—That the Commissioners of Statistics and Trustees of the Public Library be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to establish for the enlightenment of members of the City Government a "branch library" in or near City Hall, which shall contain chiefly books relating to municipal government, both of statistical and general reference nature.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide suitable quarters for such a "branch library."

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 10.32 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. McDermott of Wd. 7, to meet on Thursday, June 2, at 7.45 o'clock, P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, May 23, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-six traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, June 13, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

David F. Barry, Wd. 9; Wm. F. Shedden, Wd. 25; John J. O'Brien, Wd. 25; Edward McLaughlin, Wd. 17; Wm. E. Hickey, Wd. 15; Daniel M. Guiney, Wd. 11; John I. Marshall, Wd. 2; Daniel J. McLaughlin, Wd. 8; John A. McKenna, Wd. 2; Andrew J. McDonough, Wd. 4; Oregon T. Andrews, Wd. 17; Wm. Byrnes, Wd. 11; John H. Wholly, Wd. 4; Allen H. Clarke, Wd. 15; Leo T. Griffin, Wd. 3; Joseph J. May, Wd. 20; Louis Monto, Wd. 25; John Donahue, Wd. 21; A. Sewall Putnam, Wd. 5; Edward Moore, Wd. 8; Edward F. Adams, Wd. 3; Albert E. Sweatt, Wd. 25; Samuel J. Pattison, Wd. 20; Eliot C. Jernegan, Wd. 17; Lars Nilson, Wd. 23; Louis Messinger, Wd. 22; LeBaron B. Stockford, Wd. 10; Elmer W. Sears, Wd. 20; Thomas Donahue, Wd. 18; Thos. F. Proctor, Wd. 11; John F. McDonald, Wd. 21; Chester H. Gray, Wd. 20; Joseph Blackburn, Wd. 7; Henry Smith, Wd. 5; Thomas McSweeney, Wd. 9; Frank T. Vose, Wd. 11.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOLHOUSE COMMISSIONER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., May 23, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—
You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Charles Logue (50 Barry St.) a member of the Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners, under Stat. Chap. 473, for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of June, 1904.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Messages were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz:—

- (1) Edwin F. Sawyer (101 Washington St., Wd. 25), an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1907 to take the place of John S. Patton, who has resigned.
- (2) Edward F. Brennan (6 Decatur Ct., Wd. 3), Charles F. Tirrell (157 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25), Henry I. Tripp (corner Bowdoin and Allston Sts., Wd. 6), and Henry J. Wade (16 Lexington St., Wd. 3), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committees named:—

Building Dept.

John Morrison Co., for leave to build a wooden building on Sumner St., corner of Border St., Wd. 2.

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Alphonso Serino, three barber poles, at 89 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Patrick A. Foley, an unlettered lamp, at 16 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Harris Bros., a druggist's mortar, at 702 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Joseph P. Spang, an illuminated sign, at 47 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

J. A. Floyd, illuminated sign, 85 Causeway St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

Mrs. Mary Wilson, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Townsend St., Wd. 21, in front of No. 252.

Thomas V. Loneragan, for a hearing on his claim for damages caused by the defective condition of sidewalk, at 3 Telegraph St.

Mary Matthews, for compensation for injuries caused by the alleged defective condition of Willard St.

John A. Johnson, for compensation for damages to his harness and vehicle caused by a collision with a city ash team.

Honora A. Lennon, for compensation for damages at 44 Fellows St., caused by a defective sewer in said street.

Jacob Schwartz, for compensation for damages caused by a defective sewer at or near 83 Albion St.

Edith Phelps, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in La Grange St., Wd. 7.

Rose C. Murray, for compensation for injuries received while a passenger on the East Boston Ferries.

Electric Wires.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Brookline Gas Lt. Co., that the first named company be allowed to attach its wires to three poles of the second named company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to relocate one pole in Public Alley No. 43, between Berkeley and Arlington Sts., Wd. 11.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to relocate a pole at or near the corner of Green and Washington Sts., Wd. 22.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Painters' Union No. 11, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of May 24, 1904.

Mrs. John A. Fowle, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon of June 18, for the public school children.

Licenses.

William B. Ladd, for leave to run two passenger barges between the corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St. and Mt. Hope, Calvary and Forest Hills Cemeteries, during the present season.

Charles Willis Sheridan, for license for a side show on Huntington Ave., near Ruggles St., May 16-30 incl.

George L. Layman, for a license for a merry-go-round and swings, on D St., near Ninth St., for two weeks beginning May 30, 1904.

Michael Scully, for leave to run a barge between Highland station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery on May 29 and 30.

Park Commissioners.

Savin Hill Improvement Association, that Savin Hill playground be put in proper condition for use.

Public Improvements.

H. S. Angus & Co. for leave to move a wooden building from 391 Market St. to 398 Market St., Wd. 25.

T. J. Billings (2 petitions), for leave to move 2 wooden buildings from Canterbury St., Wd. 23, to private way off Walk Hill St.

Whidden & Co., for leave to erect a guy post in Lamont St., near Vernon St., Wd. 18.

John J. O'Brien, for leave to place sidewalk light covers over present area at 1127 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

- A. Tomfohrde, at 51 Court St., Wd. 6.
- Wm. H. Brunnings, at 705 E. Second St., Wd. 14.
- D. C. Hinton, at 6-10 E. Cottage St., Wd. 16.
- C. E. Cotting, at 20 Court St., Wd. 6.

PAPEKS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Message of the Mayor transmitting a report of the commission appointed by him on April 15, 1903, to investigate tenement house conditions in Boston.

Placed on file.

2. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Trustees for Children in reference to an order of the City Council that the Parental School be opened to visitors on Sundays and holidays without restriction as to the number of visitors.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would move that action upon this matter be assigned for one week.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the communication will have to be placed on file, to make it a matter of record. You may introduce any order you wish next week or today, bearing on the subject.

The message was read in full, for information of Ald. Whelton, and was then placed on file.

Later in the session Ald. CURLEY offered the following:-

Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow persons to visit the children at the Parental School on Sundays and holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock P.M., without restriction as to the number of visits per month to each inmate.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in relation to this order I believe possibly a word of explanation from me may be in order. The Children's Institutions Department Trustees have until recently had a rule that parents or visitors might be permitted to call once a month and interview or see any child committed to the Parental School. I don't believe it has been customary for them, as is stated in the letter of the Trustees to His Honor the Mayor, to permit visitors to call there on 304 days of the year. I don't know just how it might be if some one of the Trustees had one of his own children committed to the Parental School, but I know how it is in the case of a constituent of mine who has a child committed there. It is not only a hardship for him to go there on a week day, but it means in addition that burdens are placed on his family. He is obliged to lose a half or full day's work in order to visit one of his children committed there on a weekday. If it is no great hardship or injury to the patients in the City Hospital, confined there with diseases of one kind and another, to permit visitors every day in the week, and to allow them to call on Sundays, I fail to see where it can be an injury either to the discipline of the Parental School Department or to the children who are committed to that school to permit visitors to call there on Sundays and holidays. The average laboring man cannot afford to lose a half or whole day's pay in order to call and visit one of his children who may be committed to the Parental School; and I believe, in justice to the people of Boston, in whose interests the Parental School is maintained, that visitors should be allowed to visit the inmates on Sundays and holidays, as well as on weekdays.

The order was passed. Sent down.

3. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to lay out Van Winkle St., west of the N. Y., N. H. & Hartford R.R., as a public way.

Passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reduce the rates for the use of hose in different sections of the city.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Report of the Committee on Appropriations, no further action necessary on certain papers, concurred in Common Council May 19, with this amendment:—Strike out the following item, "Petition (referred March 21) of Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston for the filling and construction of Cottage St."

Said report comes up for concurrence in said amendment.

Amendment adopted in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE called up Nos. 6 and 7, unfinished business, viz.:-

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

6. Frederick L. Dodge, Charles Warren Hapgood, and John B. Sticher, to be Weighers of Beef, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

7. Stephen J. King, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 9, yes 9, and the several appointments were confirmed.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows, viz.:-

Frank Turnbull, 1, 26 Marion St., Wd. 3.

Thomas J. McMahon, 1, 197 E St., Wd. 15.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, June 6, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting its 23rd location, and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Placed on file.

RAILROAD POLICE.

A copy of record of appointment of railroad police for the Boston & Maine Railroad Company was received.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after duly approving of the same submitted the following constables' bonds, viz.:-

William H. Chick, William G. Dolan, Robert J. Dooley, David Schapero, Charles J. Smith, George L. Wrighton.

Approved by the Board.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2, Chap. 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office from April 25, 1904, and that the work had been performed to the amount of \$1719.63.

Laid on the table on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

Later in the session said communication was taken from the table and Ald. WHELTON offered the following:-

Ordered, That the payroll of the Register of Deeds for the period beginning April 25, 1904, be approved for \$1659.63, and of the amount disallowed \$40 be deducted from the compensation of W. C. Brackett, and \$20 from the compensation of John W. Johnson.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to explain to the members of the Board my reason for offering the order.

Mr. Temple, in his communication today, send down notice that he raises the salary of one man ten dollars a week and of another man five dollars a week. The first man has heretofore been receiving \$80 every four weeks and the other \$80 every four weeks. The total increase for four weeks is \$60 and for a year \$780. Mr. Temple has seen fit to make these increases without any explanation to the members of this Board, acting as County Commissioners, or to the Committee on County Accounts. I don't believe it is right that we should at this time favor an increase of pay in any department connected with the County of Suffolk unless sufficient reason is presented to us so that we may have an intelligent understanding of it. I, therefore, hope that the order I have presented will be acted on favorably and that if Mr. Temple desires to raise the pay of any of his employees he will communicate with the Committee on County Accounts or with this Board, acting as County Commissioners, letting us know the reason why the action is taken.

The order was passed.

STORAGE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving of the same, viz.:

F. Carleton Dole, 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.
Saville, Somes & Co., 55 Commercial St., Wd. 6.

W. J. Richardson, 11 Birch St., Roslindale (to keep only.)

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for compensation for injuries, etc.—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Samuel Trotzsky (referred Jan. 18), a minor, by his father, Joseph Trotzsky, for compensation for injuries caused by being run over by Parental School wagon (the city not being liable.)

Samuel Schwab (referred Jan. 18), for compensation for injuries to son by being run over by Parental School wagon (the city not being liable.)

Hannah V. Burke (referred Mar. 21), for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect in Esmond St.

Accepted. Sent down.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Manuel Lewis (referred May 16), sign, 221 Westfield St., Wd. 18.

Harris Brothers (referred today), druggist's mortar, 702 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Catherine Neary (referred March 14), for leave to project two bay windows and a cornice from building No. 7 Decatur St., Wd. 3—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of C. O. L. Dillaway, et als., Trustees (referred Jan. 25), for leave to project a marquise at the Globe Theatre on Washington St., Wd. 7—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

HOURS OF LABOR FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted a report on the

ordinance (referred May 16), to amend section 1 of Chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, relative to the hours of labor for members of the Fire Department—that the ordinance ought to pass.

Report accepted; ordinance passed. Sent down.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect poles and attach wires—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, June 6, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

For leave to erect four poles on Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

For leave to attach wires and fixtures to a tree on Sixth St., corner I St.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Painters' Union No. 11 (referred today), on the evening of May 24.

Mrs. John A. Fowle (referred today), on the afternoon of June 18, for the public school children.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to nine newsboys and four bootblacks.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to run barges between certain points—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

William B. Ladd, two passenger barges between cor. Blue Hill Ave. and Walk Hill St., and Mt. Hope, Calvary and Forest Hills Cemeteries, during the present season.

Michael Scully, to run a barge between Highland Station and Mt. Benedict Cemetery on May 29th and 30th.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Charles Willis Sheridan (referred today), for license for sideshow on Huntington Ave., near Rugles St., May 16-30, inclusive—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

STREET GRADES, BRIGHTON.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That this Board establish a revised grade of Cambridge and Franklin Sts., Brighton, as shown on plan and profile of said Cambridge and Franklin Sts., marked "City of Boston, Cambridge and Franklin Sts., Brighton, April 30, 1904, William Jackson, City Engineer," and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Passed.

WORK HORSE PARADE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, mail and hospital wagons, for the parade of the Boston Work Horse Association, on May 30, 1904, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 12 noon, the following streets

in addition to those streets mentioned in order passed by this Board and approved by the Acting Mayor April 5, 1904, viz.:—
Massachusetts Ave., from Commonwealth Ave. to Beacon St., and Beacon St., from Massachusetts Ave. to Charles St.
Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of No. 7 Thomas Park; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead and dangerous tree now standing on the Sutherland St. side of estate numbered 624 Warren St., Wd. 21, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

CLOSING OF HOPKINS ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Hopkins St., between Corbet and Evans Sts., Wd. 24, to public travel for a period of thirty days, or during the construction of sewerage works in said street.
Passed.

LIGHTING OF WARD ROOM.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to wire and place electric lights in ward room and Grand Army Headquarters, corner Maverick and Bremen Sts., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.
Passed. Sent down.

SIDEWALK ON BYRON ST.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the westerly side of Byron St., from Paul Jones Schoolhouse to Bennington St., Wd. 1; in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

IMPROVEMENT OF COVINGTON ST.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface and repair gutters on Covington St., from East Eighth St. to Thomas Park.
Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PARKWAY, WD. 23.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars be appropriated, to be expended by the Park Department for the construction of the Parkway, between Anawan Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 23, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, at 4 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:45 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports (on petitions referred May 16), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—
S. M. Shapleigh, 619-621 Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 11, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.
B. F. Hamilton, 24 Linwood St., Wd. 19, brick.
American Steam Gauge & Valve Co., 220 Camden St., Wd. 18, brick, with granite edgestone.
Max Lebowich, 14-20 Linwood St., Wd. 19, brick.
Christina M. Ward, 9-11 Brookford St., Wd. 16, brick, with granite edgestone.
Michael McBride, 35 Calumet St., Wd. 19, brick, with granite edgestone.
Boyd & Berry, southerly corner E. Cottage St. and Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, brick.
John Cronin, P St., corner 906 East Fourth St., Wd. 14, brick.
H. Bencks, cor. W. Third and F Sts., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.
Clarence B. Humphreys, 71 Stanley St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.
James F. Kelly, 38 Sagamore St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.
Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports on petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum (notice of approval of the same having been received from the Fire Commissioner)—recommending that leave be granted, as follows:—
Boston Yacht Club, Columbia Rd., near O St., Wd. 14.
Peerless Motor Car Co., 36 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the appointment of Samuel Hichborn (referred Apr. 25), as assessor for three years from May 1, 1904—returning the same to the Board for its action. The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Bresnahan and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots 13; yes 13, and the appointment was confirmed.

(4) Report on the order (referred May 9), relative to asphaltting portions of Madison St. and Shawmut Ave.—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred May 16), to repair defective sidewalks at 350 Columbus Ave. and other locations—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Reports on petitions (severally referred today)—recommending the passage of the following:—
(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John J. O'Brien to place, maintain and use sidewalk light covers over the present areas in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1127 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus & Son to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 68 feet in length, by 22 feet in width, by 24 feet in height, from 391 Market St., across street, to 398 Market

St., Wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 31 feet in length, by 18 feet in width, by 25 feet in height, and another wooden building, pitch roof, 24 feet in length, by 14 feet in width, by 20 feet in height, from location on Canterbury St., near Paine St., along said Canterbury and Paine Sts., to and across private lands to a private way leading from Walk Hill St., Wd. 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Whidden & Co. to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with ropes attached, in and over Lamont St., near Vernon St., Wd. 18, for use during the construction of a building; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 25 feet in length, by 16 feet in width, by 20 feet in height, from location on Arborway, near Pond St., over private lands and along Pond and Orchard Sts., to land on Orchard St., Wd. 23, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

ADDITION TO CHESTNUT HILL PARK.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this board as to the advisability of ac-

quiring for park purposes the land at Chestnut Hill Reservoir adjoining the Chestnut Hill park, and the cost of the same.

Passed.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, June 6, 1904, at 3 o'clock P.M., and that all hearings on orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

CLOSING PROVIDENCE ST.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Contracting Co. to close the roadway on Providence St., at Clarendon St., Wd. 11, to public travel, for a period of ten days from this day on account of necessary sewer construction at said location.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

CALL FOR REPORTS.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I call for a report of the Committee on Public Improvements at the next meeting of the Board, upon the Building Committee reports on sundry petitions for illuminated signs, upon which the Building Committee reported leave to withdraw.

Adjourned, at 5.59 P.M., on motion of Ald. Whelton, to meet on Monday, June 6, 1904, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, June 2, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the Chair.

SEATS ON COMMON.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 2, 1904.

To the City Council:—

In reply to your Order of May 19th, last, which was referred to me, I have to inform the Council that no part of the appropriation for public grounds is applicable for the purchase of additional seats on the Common and Public Garden, and that there is no other appropriation from which such seats can be furnished at the present time.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Placed on file.

CHESTNUT HILL PARK, DEFICIT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., May 26, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor giving notice of a deficit of \$36,259.36 in the appropriation for Chestnut Hill Park, caused by the payment today of an execution of court amounting to \$106,050.14, which execution exceeded the balance to the credit of the appropriation for Chestnut Hill Park by the amount named above.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Auditing Department.

May 26, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.

Sir:—An execution of court amounting to \$106,050.14 was paid today on account of land taken for Chestnut Hill Park. The balance in the appropriation is \$69,799.78, leaving \$36,259.36 to be provided for.

Respectfully,

James H. Dodge, City Auditor.

Sent up.

WATER-PIPE TUNNEL, FORT POINT CHANNEL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., May 25, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the United States War Department giving the City permission to build a tunnel under Fort Point Channel, and place water pipes therein.

This document should be placed in the custody of the City Clerk.

I am, respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

War Department,

Washington, May 21, 1904.

Sir:—In answer to your application of the 11th instant, permission is hereby granted to the City of Boston, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, to place a water pipe in a tunnel to be constructed for that purpose, under the tide waters of Fort Point Channel, Boston, Mass., in conformity with License No. 2838 from the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as the location shown on map submitted, subject to the following conditions: That the work herein permitted to be done shall be sub-

ject to the supervision and approval of the Engineer Officer of the United States Army in charge of the locality.

Very Respectfully,

Robert Shaw Oliver,

Acting Secretary of War.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, Boston, Mass.

Sent up.

BOUNDARY—NO. BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., May 24, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I herewith transmit a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, with draft of an order, in reference to a proposed exchange of certain lands with Harvard College for the purpose of straightening the boundary line between the North Brighton Playground and The Soldiers' Field.

I recommend the passage of the order in the public interest. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., May 23, 1904.

Honorable Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—We have arranged with the Corporation of Harvard College to make an exchange of land for the purpose of straightening the boundary between The Soldiers' Field and the North Brighton Playground, subject to the approval of the City Council.

As will be seen by the enclosed copy of an order which has been prepared by the Law Department, an even exchange of land is made, which we think is for the public advantage.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized in the name and behalf of the City and for the purpose of straightening and improving the boundary line between the North Brighton Playground and The Soldiers' Field, so-called, to convey to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, by deed satisfactory to the Law Department, two parcels of land containing thirty-two thousand five hundred eighty (32,580) square feet in exchange for two parcels of land to be conveyed by said Corporation to the City of Boston, also containing thirty-two thousand five hundred eighty (32,580) square feet; said parcels being shown on a plan showing change of lines between Soldiers' Field and Brighton Playground, dated April 13, 1904, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

The order was passed. Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PETITION REFERRED.

To the Committee on Building Department—The Wellington-Wild Company for leave to build a wooden addition to building rear 149 Medford St., Wd. 3.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Samuel Schwab, referred Jan. 18, for compensation for injury to son by being run over by Parental School wagon—leave to withdraw, the city not being liable.

2. Report of same committee, on petition of Samuel Trotzsky, a minor, by his father, Joseph Trotzsky, referred Jan. 18, for compensation for injuries caused by

being run over by Parental School wagon—leave to withdraw, the city not being liable.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of Hannah V. Burke, referred Mar. 21, for damages caused by an alleged defect in Esmond St.—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

4. Report of Committee on Ordinances, that the following ordinance, referred May 16, ought to pass:—

An ordinance to establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter Seventeen of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one by inserting, in the eighth line thereof, after the word "firemen," the words: "whose hours of labor for the city shall not exceed four days out of five."

The question came on acceptance of said report and ordering the ordinance to a second reading.

The report was accepted, the ordinance was read once, and Mr. Mancovitz of Wd. 8 moved a suspension of the rule that the ordinance might take its second reading and be put upon its passage.

The question came on suspending the rule.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I would like to ask if any member of this Council who intends to vote in favor of this ordinance knows how much it will cost the City of Boston—if anyone can give me the figures.

The rule was declared suspended.

Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the rule was suspended, 41 votes in the affirmative, two in the negative.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance in concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, it seems that the Council is willing to pass this ordinance without knowing how much it is going to cost the City of Boston. As a matter of fact, it is going to cost the City of Boston \$84,000 annually when the ordinance is in full operation. That amounts to interest at four per cent. on \$2,100,000. The ordinance will require an addition of seventy men to the force. There are now 892 men in all in that department, 733 in uniform. That means an increase of nearly ten per cent. in the uniformed force of the Fire Department. That \$84,000, Mr. President, is \$10,000 more than the amount appropriated this year for pensions in that department. Mr. President, no word has come to us about hardship in the department, no word about overwork. As a matter of fact, the waiting list is larger than that of almost any other department. Men are tumbling over themselves to try to get positions in that department, because they consider the work so easy. Mr. President, I have had a conversation with Col. Russell this afternoon, and he is very much opposed to this ordinance. When he first took office the firemen had one day in twelve. In 1896, I believe it was, they were given one day in eight, and felt that a great concession had been made. Now we are asked to give them one day in five. Mr. President, it is a matter of common knowledge that the day after the man has his day off is his worst day. He is less efficient on that day than on any other day in the week, and it is a matter of fact that this ordinance in that way, by increasing the number of days off, will decrease the efficiency of the department; so that the question here is, whether you want to increase the expenses of the City of Boston \$84,000 a year for the sake of decreasing the efficiency of the department. Mr. President, the catastrophe in Chicago was due to the fact that certain public officials failed to do their duty. Now, gen-

tlemen, do we want to go on record as failing to do our duty in this case and decrease the fire protection of the City of Boston in this way? I don't believe we do.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I am sorry, extremely sorry, that I cannot agree with my friend from Wd. 11 in his reasons why we should not give one day in five to the firemen. I believe last year the Legislature of Massachusetts granted one day in seven, and the church, public men and men of business standing, appeared before the Committee on Cities of the Legislature—I myself appearing there as a member of the Committee on Legislative Matters of the City Council of Boston, as instructed by both branches of the government of the City of Boston—to advocate the passage of that bill. If the gentleman had been present at that meeting he would have seen the character of those in favor of the measure and would have heard the reasons advanced by men whose opinion should be given a great deal of weight, as showing why it should be done. I wonder if the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) keeps in mind the fact that the fireman is compelled to do twenty-four hours successive work during eight days, as I believe he has only one day off in eight. He must be in the firehouse for eight days in succession, for twenty-four hours in the day—he is allowed, I think, one hour for dinner, one for supper and one for breakfast. If he contends that the fireman, by having one day off in five, will be less efficient, that that will make him less able to perform his duties, I cannot agree with that logic, because it is apparent that where a man has to work and be up at all hours of the night and day, it must wear on him and make him less capable of performing the duties required of him; whereas, if he has one day off in five, it will give him some time to recuperate, some time to cultivate that which is dear to all society, a pure home. That gives him the opportunity. The question of the expense, which is raised here, is a very minute portion of the matter for our consideration. There are plenty of ways that the members of this Government, if they wish to do so, can look around and find of increasing the revenues of the City. The gentleman also contends that after a man has had a day off he is in an inefficient condition when he gets back. I suppose he means to imply that the men are drinking men and that they go off on a drunk on that day. To that I take exception, because it is a known fact that the Fire Department of the City of Boston is one of the best in the civilized world, and if any man in that department shows any signs of liquor, whether he is on or off duty, he is obliged to leave the department. If he will talk to the firemen, he will find that they cannot openly complain, because under the present regime it is a dangerous thing for any fireman to offer a word against the administration of the Fire Department. I believe if we give them one day off in five that the City of Boston, the citizens of Boston, will be greatly benefited and that no such catastrophe as occurred in Chicago would occur here, because we will have more men in the department and they will be more able to perform their duty than if they are required to work 24 hours at a stretch for eight days in succession.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I wish to make one point perfectly clear, and that is, that the head of this department—a man of acknowledged ability, a man who has the best interests of this department and the best interests of the city at heart—is very much opposed to this, because he believes, in his own words, that it would be injurious to the efficiency of the department. I want that distinctly understood.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, after

listening to the very pertinent facts which have been stated by Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11, I do not think that any of us are in a position to vote on this ordinance tonight. I think he has stated some facts that show that this order is of more interest to the City of Boston, in regard to its expenditures, and means more than it would seem to mean from just reading it on the calendar; and I therefore move that the order be assigned until the next meeting of the Council, in order that some of us may have time to look into it.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was lost.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 11, and as to the opinion of the present incumbent of the office of Fire Commissioner, I wish to state that a predecessor of the present Fire Commissioner, a gentleman who is responsible for the present fine condition and excellence of the Fire Department, appeared before the Legislative Committee on Cities and advocated this year a bill which would relieve the firemen by giving them at least one day in six. That is the opinion of a man who is responsible for the efficiency of the Department as it exists today. He believes that one day in five would be of great advantage to the Fire Department of Boston.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I had not stopped to figure until a few moments ago, while the gentleman from Wd. 11 was speaking, in reference to the expense incurred in the passage of this order, but I took occasion to note some of the figures that he gave us. I must say that, at first glance, I cannot see where he reaches his deductions. He says that there are 892 members in the department. As I figure it, one man out of every eight would be off each day. That means that 110 men would be off today, or that there would really be only 702 men on duty. If we grant them one day off in five, that would mean that one-fifth of the force would be absent each day, which would mean that 178 men would be absent. That makes a difference of only 68 men. I do not know how he figures out an increased expenditure of \$84,000 because of an increase of 68 men in the force. There are a few other facts which I think he has neglected to state, in reference to this matter. We all know that the firemen have to eat their meals, the same as other mortals. Under the present arrangement, I believe that one-third of the department is let off each meal hour. They have three hours for meals, one-third of the force going each of the three hours. During those nine hours a day, there is one-third of the force off duty all the time. One-third of the 782 men would be somewhere about two hundred odd men; so that the actual force during meal hours is something over 500 men—somewhere in the neighborhood of 525 men.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, if the gentleman would yield, I would like to correct him on one point.

Mr. FITZGERALD—I would be very glad to.

Mr. PIERCE—The discrepancy is explained by the fact that the 892 men include the repair division. The number which he should use is 733.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the gentleman has made my figures more significant. If the real force is 733, instead of 892 men, it varies the figures somewhat, but it seems to me it makes them more in favor of the ordinance which has been submitted to our approval. If the Fire Department is efficient for nine hours during the day with somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 men only on duty I do not see how they are not efficient for the other 15 hours with something like 600 men on duty. Those are the deductions which I have arrived at in a few minutes'

figuring in reference to the matter. That is, the general deduction is that if there is no increase made in the Fire Department, it means that the efficiency during the fifteen hours outside of the eight hours will be far greater than it is at the present time during the nine hours that we may term "meal hours." In the next place, if the department is increased, it seems to me that the figures of the gentleman from Wd. 11 are further out of the way, if he says that this one day in five will apply to only 733 men, instead of 892, because the increase, instead of being 68 men, will be something less—I should judge it would be somewhere between fifty-five and sixty—and if he can show how an increase of 55 or 60 men in the Fire Department will entail an increased expense of \$84,000, he will point out something to me which I cannot at the present time understand. I understand that a fireman's salary is \$1000—that is the maximum salary is \$1000, and that it takes them some years to arrive at that salary.

Mr. PIERCE—I can only say, in answer to the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Fitzgerald), that I did not undertake to figure it out myself, but took Colonel Russell's figures. Colonel Russell says that it would require 70 new men, and he also says that it would cost an increase of \$56,700 the first year, but that after it was in full operation, it would cost \$84,000. The difference between those two amounts is owing to the fact that when a man first comes to work in the Fire Department, he gets \$720 during the first six months, and then \$900 the second six months, a year, and after the man has been there a few years he gets \$1200. The amount, \$84,000, is obtained by multiplying 70 by \$1200.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I do not think this is a case of finances or figures at all. I think it is a case of whether the men in the employ of the city shall work seven days out of eight, and 21 hours a day, or whether those men are worthy and entitled to one day off in five. The City of Boston seems to be so well equipped with finances, seems to be passing them around so generously, that I do not think it will harm the Fire Department if a few thousand dollars are used in it for this purpose.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I have listened with a great deal of interest to the discussion in reference to this ordinance. I was prepared, when I read the ordinance, to vote immediately in favor of it, and I am rather surprised to find that there are members of this body, who, after the great amount of discussion that has been given to this question the last few years, seem to think that any further discussion in reference to the matter is needed. The gentleman from Wd. 11 tells us that this ordinance will result in an additional cost to the city of Boston of about \$84,000. He tells us, too, that the ordinance will require an increased number of men in that department. We agree with him so far, and will say "All right." But he goes on to say that this ordinance will result in a decreased efficiency of the Fire Department of the city of Boston. It is just there, Mr. President, that those of us who are in favor of the ordinance take issue with the gentleman from Wd. 11, with Colonel Russell, and with others who do not favor this ordinance. I personally believe, and I consider it to be the opinion of those who have given some study to this question—and desire to be fair—that this ordinance will result in greater efficiency on the part of the Fire Department of the city of Boston. I believe it is well, Mr. President, to compare the Fire Department with the other department of protection in the city—the Police Department. We find that in the Police Department of the city of Boston men are required to work eight hours a day, possibly seven days a week, and possibly six days a week. I believe that

even they receive one day off in seven. And yet, we find that in the other department of protection the men are required to work 24 hours a day for six days out of the seven. Now, either the conditions in the Fire Department are all wrong or the conditions in the Police Department are all wrong. Mr. President, I personally believe that the conditions in the Fire Department are wrong, and that this ordinance is a step in the right direction. I subscribe most heartily to the remarks of the gentleman from Wd. 8, and I believe it is high time that the City Council of Boston took some decided action upon this matter of less hours for the firemen of the city of Boston. I sincerely hope that the ordinance will pass, and I move the previous question at this time.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I certainly hope that the main question will not be put at this time. I do not believe that any member should move the previous question in reference to a matter of this kind—a matter of vital importance, and a matter that should obtain a full and free discussion. I certainly hope that the members of the Council will have an opportunity to express themselves, one way or the other, before the previous question is ordered.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the previous question will not be ordered—not that I care to speak particularly myself, but I think there are members here who would like to. It seems to me a very strange proceeding for the gentleman from the third division to get up and give such a lengthy and good speech and then, immediately before sitting down, to move the previous question, in order to shut off anybody else from talking on such an important measure.

Mr. MURRAY—Mr. President, I believe that I talked three minutes. I intended to. I moved the previous question because two or three gentlemen in this division, just behind me, suggested, before I arose, that the previous question ought to be ordered. I promised them that I would talk three minutes, and then move the previous question; and I believe I kept my promise.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I am surprised that any member would move the previous question in reference to this, and I hope that the previous question will not be ordered. Mr. President, three men in one division are not the seventy-five members of this body. I think this is the most important question that has been before the council this year, and I hope and trust that every member who sees fit to, or wishes to speak upon this matter, will have an opportunity to do so.

The main question was declared not ordered. Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the previous question was declared ordered, 29 members voting in the affirmative, 18 in the negative.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the main question was ordered—yeas 53, nays 14.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—53.

Nays—Conway (23), Cook, Craig, Ewell, MacLoud, McDermott, McKie, McKnight, Pierce, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—14.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Dalton, Dolan, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, Patterson, Reagan—8.

The question was put on the passage of the ordinance, and it was declared passed in concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the ordinance was passed in concurrence—yeas 63, nays 4.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., J. E., Warner, Wood—63.

Nays—Cook, Pierce, Simms, Williams—4.
Absent or not voting—Carter, Dalton, Dolan, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, Patterson, Reagan—8.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 moved to reconsider; lost.

5. Ordered, That the Trustees for Children be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to allow persons to visit the children at the Parental School on Sundays and holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock P.M., without restriction as to the number of visits per month to each inmate.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to wire and place electric lights in ward-room and Grand Army headquarters, corner Maverick and Bremen Sts., Wd. 2; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department.

Passed in concurrence.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Wellington-Wild Coal Company (referred today)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Wellington-Wild Coal Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on rear 149 Medford St., Wd. 3, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a coal shed, main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

CLAIMS REPORTS.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (Messrs. Bromberg, Hennessey and Williams dissenting), on the order (recommitted April 14), for the payment to Willie H. Burns of expenses incurred on account of suit brought against him for his acts as a police officer—that the order ought to pass.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, before action is taken on the report of the Committee I would like to ask that the report may be read first, so that I may know whether the report is the one on the claim of Mr. McManus or Mr. Burns.

The Clerk read the report again, at direction of the President.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I am

greatly obliged to the president and clerk. On the question whether this report be accepted or not, I think it is well to make a few explanatory remarks. I have noticed in the newspapers, in the press of Boston, the day after the committee met, a heading of this sort: "Two of a committee of thirteen transact business." I wish to explain—because perhaps some members of this Council may not understand by what right or authority two members of a committee composed of thirteen should take upon themselves to transact the business which they did. At the first part of the year the committee on claims came together and a rule was established whereby the members present at the time for which the meeting was called should constitute a quorum. That is, if one man appeared at two o'clock, when the committee was called for that hour, he would have a right to transact business under the rule. I wish to refer to that, because I anticipate that something may be said about it here tonight. I wish also to anticipate, what may be said in connection with the dissenting report of the committee, something about the reasons which actuated the action which was taken by the members present. This whole matter has been discussed in this body, and it has been discussed in the committee on claims. No action one way or the other has been taken, until, in connection with the last meeting, the clerk of the committee was instructed by the chairman to send a typewritten notice telling the members of the committee that these two cases would be discussed at that meeting, at two o'clock, sharply. I came to the hall and went to the committee room at two o'clock and waited until twenty minutes after two, until Mr. Patterson of Wd. 21 arrived, and then, after he arrived we waited until twenty-five minutes past the hour. We then thought we had waited sufficiently long to be justified in going ahead and transacting our business, and in transacting the business that came before us, we allowed those claims. I say this in reply to the objection to our action which I anticipate may be raised, by reason of some of the statements that have been made, as affecting our right to transact business and as taking action which did not show proper courtesy to the other members of the Committee. I contend that when a meeting of any committee is called for two o'clock that does not mean thirty-five or forty minutes after, or even one minute past. If it were private business, individual business, the members would make it their business to be there at two o'clock or perhaps before; but, this being business of the City of Boston, I am sorry to say that it is neglected. Although we have thirteen members on our committee, there have been very few meetings where more than three or four were present, and I believe only two meetings where more than a majority were present. Under those conditions, I don't believe this council will find fault with our transacting business, as we did.

As to the merits of these two claims, there has been considerable discussion, and when they were first brought up it was stated that if we should pay them it would start a bad precedent. At that time I had no information at hand bearing upon that matter, but at the present time I have items taken from the auditor's report, showing that within a period of eight years we have paid the following similar claims. On April 1, 1896, the Council passed, and the Board of Aldermen concurred in, an order ordered by the Committee on Claims allowing \$153.55 to William L. McDewitt. On May 1, of the same year, the City Council voted to reimburse Richard Leary \$52.12 for the amount of judgment for an assault committed upon one Robert Jack. On April 5, 1897, the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council concurred in allowing Patrolman John H. O'Neil compen-

sation to the amount of \$294.29, based upon a suit brought against him by Norman F. Hesselstue for assault and battery committed upon him; and at the same time voted to pay the same amount to Patrolman John S. Quinn, in connection with a suit brought by the same plaintiff. In the same year, on Feb. 6, the committee on claims allowed, and the City Council approved, the reimbursement to Patrolman John B. Withan for damages recovered by P. J. Trainer. On July 13, 1897, we find Patrolman James H. Lee allowed \$327.46, in a suit for damages brought against him by John S. Bradbury, for assault and battery. We find all along similar claims which have been allowed. In the year 1899 claims were allowed amounting to hundreds of dollars—for instance, on Oct. 23, 1899, \$244.15 to Patrolman George A. Jordan, in connection with a suit against him by Ambrose J. Lambert; and on June 9, 1899, \$45.60 allowed to Joseph O. Hodgkins, in connection with a suit against him for assault and battery by Patrick J. White. And so it has gone. We find that the precedent has been established for ten or twelve years, as the facts show, and as I have been informed by officers connected with the Police Department, who make it their business to look up these claims, and by the Commissioners. It has been the immemorial custom of the department to recompense officers when they have been obliged to pay damages for suits against them in connection with the performance of their duties. The question may be raised whether this Council has the right to allow these claims. The Revised Laws of Mass., Chap. 26, Sect. 21, provides that where police officers and citizens called upon to aid them in making the arrest, or in the performance of their duties, commit an act whereby they are afterwards called upon to suffer in damages, the City Council has the right to recompense them if the injury or damage suffered is in the performance of their duty. There is no question that these two officers were sued for assault and battery committed in the performance of their duty.

One of the cases occurred at the Reynolds Hotel, at the corner of Washington and Boylston Sts., on the night of the Harvard and Yale football game, and the other occurred at half-past twelve at the corner of Pleasant St. and Shawmut Ave. Both were cases where the officers were acting in the performance of their duty, and therefore we have a right to allow these claims as a matter of right. The question has also been raised, where an officer assaults an individual, whether maliciously or through bad judgment, on the impulse of the moment, the city of Boston should recompense him—or, rather, whether it should not refuse to do so, thereby making him more careful in the performance of his duty. The merits of an individual case are not for us to consider. That is a question for the courts to decide. I wish to call to the attention of the Council the fact that in the case of John C. Johnson against Patrolman Willie H. Burns, in which Mr. Burns had to pay \$98.13 in the lower court, before Judge Wentworth, the officer won the case; but upon appeal before a jury, the plaintiff prevailed. So, you see, if the case is left to an honest man, a man who has had experience on the bench for some years and who thoroughly understands cases of this sort, it is reasonable to suppose that when such a judge decides that the officer was justified in making the assault, he was probably correct, while in the other case—

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. Does the gentleman mean to contend that a trial by jury is not honest?

Mr. MANCOWITZ—Mr. President, I will answer the gentleman in due course of time—while in the other case I find that Mr. Berrane, who was plaintiff in the case against Officer McManus, claiming that he

was assaulted at the corner of Shawmut Ave. and Tremont St., claimed a trial by jury in the first instance. Coakley & Coakley appeared for the plaintiff, and the foreman of the jury was a Wd. 23 man—

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that a foreman of a jury from Wd. 23 is just as competent and non-partisan as a foreman of a jury from Wd. 8.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that that is not a point of order. The question is on the acceptance of the report.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, on the question as to whether the report of the committee is to be accepted, all I wish to say is that it is fair for us to discuss both cases on an equitable basis. I will admit, theoretically speaking, that a juror's mind is supposed to be unbiased and disinterested; but I will say that if I was left to choose in a case of my own between a jury and a judge, God save me from the jury system as we see it carried out today. It is admitted today that the jury system is defective and on a wrong basis. I will agree that the jury system in itself is an excellent thing, but as it works out it is not as it should be.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The point of order is not well taken. The question is on the acceptance of the report, and the gentleman from Wd. 8 is speaking in justification of the report.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I will first take up the case of Patrolman Willie H. Burns, to whom the committee recommends that the \$8.13 which he was obliged to pay out in the suit against him should be reimbursed. The facts against him appear to be these. On the night of the Harvard-Yale football game, Officer Burns, of Station 14, was detailed for special duty at the Hotel Reynolds, near the corner of Boylston and Washington Sts. At the time the assault occurred Patrolman Burns and another officer were ejecting a man from the hotel, and while in that act Mr. Johnson and a friend of his appeared on the scene, and somehow or other his friend got into a fracas with the police officer and was also ejected with the other party. Mr. Johnson said he simply stepped up and said that his friend was not molesting anybody and inquired of the officer his number and name. I have been informed that at the time there were in the vicinity of 500 men about the hotel. I ask the Council to imagine the state of mind of those men present that evening and what was really Mr. Johnson's intention that night. What do you suppose was the real condition of affairs? I contend that when an individual goes to a place of that sort on such an occasion he does not go there in the ordinary course of his business, or in his ordinary vocation as a citizen, but he goes there to see the excitement and perhaps participate in it. The excitement having taken place, and he having participated in it, he now comes here and asks the council to discredit an officer who has been on the force, I understand since 1895, and who has never had any charge preferred against him, either before the complete board or in any way in the court. I also want to draw the distinction between a conviction and a civil judgment. Some of the members of the Committee—and I was surprised in the case of one of them, who is a lawyer, and who says he will stand upon the records of the court in a conviction—seems to regard this as a conviction. A conviction has reference to a criminal charge. Where a man is arrested upon a criminal charge and found guilty, he stands convicted. But a man may be sued thousands of times in the civil court and have judgments for millions given against him, and there will be no conviction. This is only a case where an injury has been done to a man

it is a case for the civil court, and not a criminal charge. So, perhaps if some of the members do not understand what a conviction means as opposed to a civil judgment, this explanation may be considered by them. Patrolman Burns, before he became a member of the Police Force, a member of the Water Department board at one time they had a force, to take care of the water works, and when that force was consolidated with the Police Department, he became a member of the regular police department force. I contend that any man who has been a member of the Police Department under the present regime, who has held a position for nine years, and who has had no complaint against him, is a man who is worthy of belief, a man whose word should be taken as correct, in a case of this sort. It is a question of fact, and I contend that the committee on claims have no right to go into the question whether the officer was justified or not. The only question for them to consider was, did the officer have to pay out money? If the officer had won his case in court, there would be no occasion for the City Council to repay him, because the Police Department furnished attorneys and the costs would be paid by the losing party. But as he has lost, he seeks reimbursement under the provisions of the statute made for this very purpose, under which, if an officer is sued and loses, he is given permission to come before the City Council for reimbursement. Patrolman McManus, the other officer in the case, has been on the force since 1900, and all the Police Commissioners and the attorneys for the Police Board tell me that he is an excellent and efficient officer. They have no record of any complaint against him. I believe the gentleman in the fourth division, who has raised a question here, some two months ago, contended that there were only two or three people upon the scene, and that they contended that there was no justification for the assault. The records of the case disclose the fact that there were some ten witnesses present, who saw the affair. The Police Officer had three witnesses, and the plaintiff, Mr. Berrane, had four, and, from what I gather, there were 60 to 75 persons on the scene when it occurred. I want the members to disregard the feelings that are sometimes apt to influence people in the case of police officers, a feeling that they have a tendency to exceed their authority—

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman has already taken the allotted time given a member to speak from this floor.

The PRESIDENT—The point of order is well taken. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the history of this matter in this body is well known to all of us. We all know that it came up here some two months ago, and at that time it was argued to some extent, upon both sides; and the Council, instead of passing upon the order one way or the other, voted by a very large majority to recommit it to the Committee on Claims, after learning that there had been no hearings upon the matters in question. It seemed to be the feeling of the members of the Council at that time that they would like to have the claimants given a hearing, and have it decided from the merits of the case whether the patrolmen should be reimbursed for the damages they have suffered by reason of these suits. The member in this section who has argued at some length upon this matter, speaks about there being no excuse for the statute unless we are to allow these claims without the Committee going into the merits of the cases. I do not interpret the statute in that way. I interpret the statute as an enabling statute, giving the City Council power, if it sees

fit, to reimburse an officer who has suffered damages while in the performance of his duty. This indicates that this body considers that there are some cases where it would be justified, where it would be its duty, to reimburse the officers, because of peculiar conditions under which the assaults took place. It also indicates that there are some cases where this body would not be justified in reimbursing officers. So much for the statute. As to what has been done in reference to this matter since it has been recommended to the Committee on Claims, and as to the attendance of the members of that committee at its meetings, I wish to say that I believe I have missed but one or two meetings of that committee during this year. I think that will compare favorably with the attendance of any of the members of this body. I think I have also been fairly prompt in attending the meetings. On this particular occasion, on the afternoon when this matter came up finally, I had a business matter which I had to attend to. A client of mine wanted to get out of town, and unless I attended to his matter that afternoon, it meant that it would have to be put off for at least three weeks. I could not possibly be here at the meeting of the committee. Now, Mr. President, while the statements of the gentleman in regard to the vote of the committee during the early part of the year, providing that those members of the committee who happened to be present at any given time should constitute a majority, the gentleman has stated the facts, as I understand them. But it seems to me that this was a case of particular importance. The members of the committee had discussed it informally at various meetings. It had come up at various times, and it had been put over, because of the absence of some one or two members of the committee who had strong opinions on it one way or the other. I have contended all the time that it was before the committee that the proper course for us to follow was to give a hearing to the officers and to allow them to set forth their claims, and then to allow the parties who are remonstrating against the payment of the claims to present their reasons to the committee. It seems to me that is the only proper course to follow; and if this body is consistent with its action when the matter came up before it cannot do otherwise than vote for the recommitment of this matter to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to give a hearing to the claimants. I express no opinion at this time as to the merits of the claims. I reserve my opinion on that matter until we hear both sides. One of the cases, I have heard neither side of, and the other I have heard one side of quite fully, and the other side to a limited extent. I do not feel in a position where I am competent to pass final judgment upon it. I think the true interpretation of the statute is that it gives discretion to this body to say whether it shall and shall not reimburse officers for damages which they have suffered by reason of suits brought against them for assaults committed while they were in the performance of their duties. If this body is going to exercise that discretion, they must know something of the facts; and this body has a right to depend upon the committee on claims to make an investigation upon this matter and to report back to the Council. There has been no invitation extended to the claimants, since this matter first came before the committee to present the evidence upon which they base their claims. That, I think 's at least due to the officers. The city placed them in the position that occasioned the assault, and the question of whether or not the circumstances were such as to justify the assault and to make it a duty on the part of the city to reimburse them, depends

upon the peculiar conditions that existed; and the only way we can find out what those conditions were is to hear the whole case. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that the matter be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President and members of the Council, I sincerely hope that this order will be recommitted to the Committee on Claims; and I certainly hope that when the Committee on Claims meets there will be a larger representation than two members of it present. Mr. President, I do not propose to criticize any two members who were punctual in their appearance at that committee meeting, but rather to criticize the members who were not punctual. It is the usual experience, and an unfortunate one, of members of committees that they have to wait for other members—and it is with a good deal of pride that I feel that I am right when I say that the members of the committees of this Council are not as delinquent in punctuality as are the members of the committees on the part of the Board of Aldermen. If there was a rule passed, Mr. President, by the Committee on Claims, that one or two members out of a total of thirteen should constitute a majority to pass on matters, I claim, Mr. President, that it was a wrong rule, and a rule that should not be in operation in any committee. If two members are a majority of thirteen and can transact business, it is pretty hard telling, Mr. President, where the business will end up. Furthermore, I believe, Mr. President, that if this matter is recommitted it will receive, as it should receive, a fair and impartial hearing from a majority, at least, of the members of the Committee on Claims. I also feel, Mr. President, that it is my duty at the present time to respond to, perhaps, the insinuation—I do not know whether it was maliciously meant or not—which the gentleman who made the reports for this Committee seemed to cast. He said that because the foreman of the jury was a gentleman who resided in Wd. 23—I do not know who he was—of that district, the foreman of the jury was perhaps biased in his judgment. I think, Mr. President, that I am qualified to judge of the makeup of the men who perform jury duty from Wd. 23. I think that I know that any man who performs jury duty from that part of Boston does it in an impartial manner, and gives everybody, whether they are from his own district or not, impartial treatment.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question before the house.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, the gentleman having seen fit to cease, it is unnecessary to rule on the point of order. The question is on the recommitment of the report to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I trust this matter will be recommitted to the Committee on Claims, and that the members of this body will not entertain any idea of accepting a report of this kind. The gentleman from Wd. 8 has claimed that the Committee has not attended to its duty. That Friday afternoon I had occasion to visit the hall, and at that time I noticed many members of that Committee waiting for the gentleman from Wd. 8 to arrive. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Will the gentleman yield for a question?

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman yields, it is in order for the Chair to state that he yields the floor.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I noticed several of the Councilmen in the Aldermanic Chamber, waiting for the Committee to start its meeting, and I also noticed that of the members who were present the gen-

tleman from Wd. 8 was not one. I have noticed, also, that he has assumed considerable authority in the Committee on Claims. He wishes to be about the whole thing in that committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman to refrain from personal allusions at this time. The question is on recommitment of the matter to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I desire to state that Judge Emmons (laughter), the Police Commissioner, has issued orders for the officers of the different stations to club prisoners when they cannot take them any other way than by subduing them with a club. I am delighted, Mr. President, to learn that the officers are being sued at the present time. I am delighted to see that the judge is wrong in issuing that order, and that he at the present time realizes that the order was a hasty one. I have also noticed, at the present time, there are different officers throughout the city who intend submitting their suits to the members of the City Council in case these two claims are paid. I know that in Station 15 the Lieutenant and two police officers—

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question, which is the recommitment of this matter to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I sincerely trust that the members of this body will not accept the report of the committee, but that they will recommit it to the committee on claims, and I trust that that committee will give the matter a hearing, as it intended doing at the outset. As I understand it, when the matter was recommitment before it was with the intention that it should be given a public hearing; but the gentleman from Wd. 8 assumed authority and brought it to the notice of the Council again without a hearing having been given. I trust the members of this body will not entertain any idea of accepting a report of that kind.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, if anything would make me vote in favor of the report of the committee on claims in this case, it would be the remarks which have just been made in criticism of members who attended that meeting. It seems to me, that the compliments of the Council are due to men who did show up at that time, and who did their duty as they saw it. I think they have made a wrong report; but, Mr. President, the thing I desire most to call the attention of the Council to is simply this—that more men have dissented from this report than voted in favor of it. That being the case, it seems to me that the only way in which this Council can do justice to itself is to recommit the report.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I trust that the motion to recommit will not prevail, for the reason that the Committee on Claims have discussed this thing, and the committee's mind is made up. In reply to the gentleman from Wd. 21, in the second division (Mr. Cook), I would state that the majority of the committee agreed with the report. Only three members of the committee signed a dissenting report, out of thirteen members. Each member of the committee had a right to come in and register his name as a dissenter. Only three having done so, it is fair to assume that the other members approve of the majority report. In reply to my distinguished friend from Wd. 18 (Mr. Fay) who is so observant, I wish to say to him that if he saw me attending one meeting, I would be ready to admit that his statement was true. But it is a rule that no individuals outside of the witnesses are allowed in the Aldermanic Chamber during

the meetings of that committee, and, if I have not been blind, that gentleman has not attended one of our meetings. I believe that the members of the committee who are here will testify to my attendance at the meetings of the Committee on Claims. I believe there has been but one meeting from which I was absent.

I have been very much interested in the meetings of the Committee on Claims, partly for the reason that I thought it was a good place for me to come and get some knowledge which would be useful to me in my profession, which has to do with matters that come before that committee, and for that reason I have been quite punctual at meetings. I think the gentleman is talking through his hat, and I want to say to him that that sort of talk won't go with me. When you make an assertion, you ought to be sure of your facts. If you want to call a man a liar, why, call him one; but do not go on talking the way you have talked this evening, or the way you have talked some other evenings. Mr. President, one reason why I oppose recommitting this matter to the Committee on Claims is this: It comes down to a question of whether we are going to stand by a police officer of the city when he makes a mistake in striking a man who is really not a citizen of our city. I understand that Mr. Johnson has never paid a poll tax to the city of Boston, and he comes in here and asks us to disbelieve one of our servants—a gentleman who protects our lives. The policy of protecting a servant of the city who places his life in danger every moment of the day, is one which we must carry out. It is a policy which we, the City Council of Boston, should stand by a police officer who, on the impulse of the moment, may be called upon to exercise his best judgment, and who has done the best he could, although it turns out that his judgment did not prove to be the best. We should stand behind the members of the department in such cases. If officers of the city are going to be obliged to pay \$100 or \$200 a year out of their own pockets, the result is that they will leave the force, and the result will be that the members of the force will be so degenerated that you will not be safe. (Laughter.) I wish to state that I do not personally care what the Council does with this report. If the Council deems it wise to recommit it, they can do so. I think it is bad policy. Originally, the Committee on Claims brought in a report to this Council unanimously recommending this claim. A member of this body gets up and says that we should not allow this claim, and the committee eats its own words. I have spoken to the chairman of the committee, and he informs me that he never told the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Bradley) that he would like to have the report come back to the committee. What he said was that he was not acquainted with the facts. The gentleman assumed that he wanted it to go back to the committee. I can tell you, gentlemen, that the minds of the members of the committee are made up. At the meetings of the committee there are usually about seven members out of the thirteen. The other six gentlemen, I believe, will never get there unless they are personally interested in the matters that are coming before the Committee on Claims. That committee consists of no more than seven members—five or six members of the Council, and one or two members of the Board of Aldermen.

It does not, in reality, consist of any more. I think that it is a duty which we owe to the members of the Police Department to act upon these claims tonight, one way or the other.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I think there is a wrong impression in the minds of some members of this body in reference to the Committee on Claims. My brother on my left (Mr. Mancovitz) claims that the committee's mind is made up. It is wrong. I, as a member of the Committee on Claims, have never

delegated my opinions to the member from Wd. 8, and I think there are a few others in the same category. We wish those claims to go back to the Committee on Claims, because we wish to have them considered by that committee. They have never been considered by the Committee on Claims. There have been times when there were seven or eight members present, and we thought there were too few to consider the claims—that they were too momentous to be passed upon by seven or eight men—and they were postponed until another meeting. These claims were passed upon by two members of the committee. In view of the vote passed earlier in the year, that was certainly legal. But the claims were not duly considered, and we ask the Council to send them back, to recommit them to the Committee on Claims, because we want to consider them more fully. We have never heard both sides of the question, we have never gone into the merits of the question. And we cannot go into the merits of the question tonight. None of us are in a position to go into the merits of the question, because we have only heard one side. We have the court records—that is all. There has been considerable of a quibble here in reference to the real situation of affairs. We do not care anything about convictions. Most of us know that conviction is not a thing which comes from a civil suit. It is something wholly different. To talk about that is nothing but a quibble, nothing but tommy rot. Send the claims back to us, and let us consider those claims.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15.—Mr. President, it makes little difference to me whether these two claims are recommittees or not. I do not intend at this time to oppose their recommitment; but I do intend to answer my friend from Wd. 8 (Mr. Mancovitz) in reference to the criticism which he made about my quoting Ald. Bromberg, and my saying that he wanted these two claims to go back to the Committee on Claims. I want to say that I laid the case, as far as I knew about it, before Ald. Bromberg, and he told me at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to try and get the claims back to the Committee on Claims—to have them recommittees. I told him at that meeting that I expected I would have a little trouble in doing so, for I felt that my friend from Wd. 8 was so much interested in the government of the Police Department that he had to do what certain members of the Police Department said. But Ald. Bromberg told me that he did not see why the member from Wd. 8 or any other member could object to these two claims coming back before the committee. So, that is all I have got to say in regard to Alderman Bromberg.

The motion to recommit the matter to the Committee on Claims was declared carried. Mr. Mancovitz doubted the vote, and asked for a verification for a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to recommit was declared carried, 28 members voting in the affirmative 17 in the negative.

Mr. Mancovitz further doubted the vote, and asked for a roll call. The yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion to recommit was carried, yeas 39, nays 22:—

Yeas—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (23), Cook, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, Leavitt, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKnight, Newton, Price, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Warner, Williams, Wood—39.

Nays—Barrett Barry, Bell, Conway (3), Coughlin, Foley, Gleason, Good, Grady, Higgins, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McGonagle, McKinney, Murray,

Pierce, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.,—22.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Carter, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, McDonald, J. M., McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Reagan—14.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (Messrs. Bromberg, Hennessey and Williams dissenting) on the order (recommitted April 14), for the payment to Dennis J. McManus of expense incurred on account of suit brought against him for his acts as a police officer.—That the order ought to pass.

The question came on the adoption of the report.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, I move that this matter be assigned for two weeks.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, I move, as amendment, that it be assigned until the next meeting of the Council.

The PRESIDENT.—The question comes on assignment for two weeks, that being for the longer time.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7.—Mr. President, I do not see any reason why this order should be assigned and the other order recommittees to the committee. I believe this report and order should take the same course as the other, and should go back to the Committee on Claims. I hope that the members of the Council will refuse to assign this matter, but will send it along with the other, where it belongs, to the Committee.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10.—Mr. President, I sincerely hope that the members of the Council will recommit this claim, with its companion, to the Committee on Claims. It has been in the Committee on Claims for quite a few weeks—a month now—and the two claims have been considered together. There is no reason why this should be put on our calendar, to be considered one or two weeks later. We would know nothing about the claim if we were to carry it on our calendar for six months. We cannot know anything about these matters until we have heard something about them through the Committee on Claims. I hope that it will be sent right back to the Committee, and that the Committee will give a hearing in regard to both of these claims.

The question to assign further consideration of the matter for two weeks was lost.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20.—Mr. President, if there is no objection, I will withdraw my motion to assign to the next meeting.

The PRESIDENT.—If there is no objection, the motion will be considered as withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3, the matter was recommittees to the Committee on Claims.

TRANSFER CHECKS.

Mr. SIMMS of Wd. 11, for Mr. Dalton of Wd. 11, offered an order.—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to give patrons the transfer checks by the conductor on the cars going to and from Cambridge and Brookline.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. SIMMS of Wd. 11 offered an order.—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet subject to the call of the chair.

The order was declared rejected. Mr. Maynard of Wd. 8 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was passed. Mr. Maynard moved to reconsider; lost.

ICE FOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 5 offered an order—That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of maintaining and furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season; said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed. Sent up.

COMPLETION OF NORTH END BATH-HOUSE.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 12 called up No. 12, assignment, viz:—

Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the completion of the all-the-year-around bath-house, North End; and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of His Honor the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston for said amount.

On motion of Mr. McMackin of Wd. 6, the rules were suspended, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. McMACKIN—Mr. President, for the information of the new members of the Council, and, in fact, for the information of the members who served last year, I desire to state that in October, 1901, the City Council passed a loan of \$90,000 to be expended by the Bath Commission for the construction of an all-the-year-around bath-house in the North End. Bonds to that amount have been issued. There is a balance at the present time in the treasury of the city of \$53,200. There has been expended for land \$36,800. In order to have this building under way, and in order to obtain its completion, we ask tonight that the Council give our section of the city for this purpose \$40,000.

Messrs. Maginnis, Walsh & Sullivan, the architects of the building, have prepared their plans. They are going to give us a fine building, with baths and a swimming tank on the first floor, with baths on the second floor, and with a gymnasium on the third floor. The estimated cost of the building is \$81,900; so the members can see that we need this \$40,000. I trust that there will be no opposition at all to the passage of this order tonight.

The order was passed, yeas 63, nays 1:

Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M. McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Warner, Williams, Wood—63.

Nays—Pierce—1.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Carter, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, Patterson, Reagan—11.

Mr. McMACKIN moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

EXPENSE OF HEARINGS.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the expense of hearings given by joint committees of the City Council on matters referred to them by the City Council or either branch thereof, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent up.

SIDEWALK, CHARLES ST. PL.

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a brick sidewalk on the right hand side of Charles St. Pl., off Charles St., Wd. 4.

Referred to the Mayor.

SETTEES, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place settees at convenient places on Franklin Field for the benefit of the public.

Referred to the Mayor.

WD. 24 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to repair Evans St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HIGGINS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a "Maxwell St." sign on the corner of Maxwell St. and Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HIGGINS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to replace the weather vane on the Thetford Ave. Schoolhouse, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HIGGINS offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council why the trees between 33 and 93 Callender St., Wd. 24, are not removed in consequence of a previous order of the Council.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARREN STATUE UNVEILING.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21 offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the observance of the unveiling of the statue of Joseph Warren in Roxbury, June 17, 1904.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. WARNER offered an order—That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be appropriated for the proper observance of the unveiling of the Joseph Warren statue, in Roxbury, June 17, 1904; the said sum to be taken from the Reserve Fund.

Mr. WARNER—Mr. President, probably no more important event in Boston since the dedication of the monument of Bunker Hill, has taken place than will be the unveiling of the Joseph Warren statue at Roxbury, June the 17th, next. Then will have been reached the climax of an agitation for a monument to the famous revolutionary hero, which began more than 125 years ago, when Congress voted to erect a statue to Warren, but never made any appropriation to carry out the plan. The agitation for this statue has been going on in Roxbury since long before that town was annexed to Boston. In 1868, for Gen. Warren was born in Roxbury, on Warren St., opposite where the statue is to stand. After the annexation, the agitation was continued. Congress was appealed to without avail, but as the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill approached, the Joseph Warren Monument Association was organized, when, in 1873, Kennedy Hall, Roxbury, was dedicated. It was organized largely through the efforts of L. Foster Morse and General Swift. Joseph Warren was born June 11th, 1741, graduated

at Harvard College in 1759, and from 1760 to 1761 taught the Roxbury Grammar School. He was said to have been one of the most active men at the Battle of Lexington, after which, and only three days before the Battle of Bunker Hill, he was made a Major-General by the Provincial Congress of Massachusetts. He opposed the project of occupying Charlestown Heights on the ground of lack of ammunition, but when the step was determined on, resolved to share in its dangers. To the entreaties of friends, who would have held him back from the field, he replied, "I know that I may fall, but where is the man who does not think it delightful and glorious to die for his country." Declining the command tendered him by Prescott, he took his station in the redoubt, which he was one of the last to leave, and fell near it, while slowly retiring. Mr. President and fellow-members, I trust that the order will go upon its passage tonight, and that this appropriation will be granted for the benefit of the people of the district which I have the honor to represent in part, that they may properly celebrate so important an event. Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rules, that the order may go upon its passage tonight.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, I deem it certainly a matter of courtesy to this Council, and a matter of fairness to the constituency which I have the honor to also represent in part, to tell this Council exactly what the situation of affairs is in Roxbury, so far as the citizens of Roxbury are concerned. A committee has already been formed by the Joseph Warren Monument Association—an Association which was in existence years before I was born—and that Committee has, after due consultation with the Mayor, arranged a programme. The Mayor has promised to do this much for the citizens of Roxbury—to dedicate the statue, to erect on the street fronting the statue a grandstand which will seat 360 people, to a seat upon which every member of the City Council who cares to devote his day to that service will be invited, and to provide the Municipal Band. An oration has also been provided for; and at his request, and by his advice, the remainder of the celebration has been placed in the hands of the Committee of the Joseph Warren Monument Association.

Mr. McKNIGHT.—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is not talking to the question before the house.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will rule the point of order well taken. The question is on suspending the rule.

Mr. COOK.—Mr. President, in that case I will simply say this, that I believe it should be the desire of the Council to go slow in this matter. Before we do anything, we should understand exactly what we are doing. I hope that the rules will be suspended at the present time, and that this matter will come up in due course, if it comes up at all.

Mr. McKNIGHT.—Mr. President and Fellow-Members, I hate very much to say anything which would seem to take issue with the last speaker, but, as representing Wd. 21, I feel that it is my duty tonight to ask the members of the Council to suspend the rules. This is a very important occasion. It is the dedication of a statue of General Joseph Warren, and it is to take place on the 17th of June. The time, therefore, is very short. If the rules are not suspended tonight, the Council will have no opportunity to vote on this, for I believe that it has already been voted that when this Council adjourns it be subject to the call of the Chair. The chances are—

Mr. COOK.—Will the gentleman yield a moment?

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the entire Council, that as he understands parliamentary pro-

cedure, if a gentleman yields for a question, he yields the floor.

Mr. COOK.—Mr. President, I simply want to withdraw my opposition to the suspension of the rules, with an understanding—that is all.

The PRESIDENT.—The Chair will state that it is not in order at this time. Mr. McKnight has the floor.

Mr. McKNIGHT.—I understand that my colleague from Wd. 21 will withdraw his opposition to the suspension of the rules, and I am very glad that he will, because I think the Council should have an opportunity to vote on this matter at once.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. COOK.—Mr. President, if I may resume the thread of my remarks where I left off, I will say that it is the intention of the Mayor to arrange for these exercises; to place in Regent St. a grandstand—for which there is no appropriation necessary, inasmuch as it will be paid for out of the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, and to furnish the Municipal Band, for which no appropriation is necessary, as it will be paid for from the appropriation for the Music Department. The further celebration has been committed by the Mayor to the Joseph Warren Monument Association, and by members of that Association it has been delegated to a committee of citizens who have been brought together with more or less acumen. I believe that Committee is capable of raising money for whatever is necessary. I do not believe that the members of that Committee would like to have me sit here and remain passive, without letting the Council know that we believe that there is enough patriotism and enough energy in the citizens of Roxbury to organize a celebration of good size and standing—a celebration which will consist of a procession, of a public dinner, to be held in the largest dining place we can find in Roxbury, and an evening celebration in the Old Church—I won't say the edifice, but the church itself which was attended by Joseph Warren. The Committee sent out a circular, and said in that circular that it believed the citizens of Roxbury would prefer to rely on Roxbury public spirit, rather than to ask the city for any further money. We believe the City of Boston has been most just and most kind and most liberal in its recognition of General Joseph Warren. But there is another reason why, on second thought, I withdrew my opposition to the suspension of the rules. I do not believe that there is any chance—not even the remotest chance—of this appropriation going through all the different stages. I do not believe that it will receive the signature of the Mayor of the City of Boston. I do not believe that there is the slightest possibility that it will. And what will be the result? We are trying to raise, not \$5000, but \$2500. We have about half of that already subscribed. Now, if it goes out in the papers that the City of Boston is liable to contribute this amount of money, as the Council will readily understand, the citizens' committee will be utterly handicapped in trying to raise the rest of the money, because if there is a possibility of money coming from the city, the people are perfectly willing to have that brought about, and are not going to agree to pay money also. The result is that our subscriptions will be held up temporarily, and then the money from the city is not received. Then, within a few days of the celebration, it will devolve upon the citizens of Roxbury to raise the rest of the money, and the result would be that we will make a gigantic failure in the attempt to do so.

Now, it seems to me that this question is not one of the ordinary celebration, and

it seems to me that at the present time it is jeopardizing the success of the celebration for the Council to consider this order. For that reason, with all due respect and due affection for my two colleagues, I hope that this order will not be passed. I hope that there will not be another celebration—that there will not be any attempt to make up a celebration different from that already planned. I feel very sure that if this order should go through, it would cause a general reconstruction of the plans, which would be very awkward at this late time. I assure you, members of the Council, that the representative citizens of Wd. 21 are amply satisfied with, and deeply grateful to the city of Boston for the magnificent gift which it has given to us. We feel, also, some little pride in the fact that we started to raise the necessary amount ourselves, and that several thousands dollars of the amount paid for that statue is Roxbury money—money subscribed before the city of Boston took hold of our pet project. We believe that it is due the city that we should appreciate the way it has treated us, and we are very happy to recognize the liberality of the city of Boston. And we are very willing to contribute from our own private pockets the amount that is necessary to organize a celebration which is befitting the occasion. This is not to be a carnival. It is to be a commemoration. As a man who was born in Roxbury and who has lived there all his life through, and as a man who has perhaps absorbed as many of the Revolutionary traditions as either of my colleagues, it seems to me that we can organize a celebration which will be a modest and commemorative one, rather than an elaborate carnival, with antiques and horrors, etc.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I think my colleague from Wd. 21 is in error in some respects, in saying that the people of Wd. 21 are very anxious to subscribe to this fund. I have been practically forced to introduce this order and have been considerably criticized for not doing it before. It is not a public subscription, as I understand it. I cannot say anything more just now in regard to it, but I trust that the order will go through.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, having been born and brought up in Roxbury, I know a little in regard to this Joseph Warren statue. A statue was talked of on the square there when I was knee high to a grasshopper, and since then they have had in Roxbury what has been termed the Joseph Warren Memorial Association. That association in its judgment has sent out a circular, not only in Roxbury, but through West Roxbury and surrounding districts. The City of Boston has appropriated money for the erection of the statue and I cannot see where there is any harm in the city taking proper measures to dedicate the statue. I cannot see why any few men should get together and say "We are 'It' and we propose to run this thing as we see fit, and want the City of Boston to keep its hands off." I do not propose to sit here in my seat and allow anything of the sort. I hope the order will pass, and I believe the Mayor of Boston will sign it when the people of Roxbury go to him and explain the situation.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the benefit of the members of the Council that, in his opinion, the order is not one which could obtain the signature of His Honor the Mayor, for the reason that, being in fact a transfer and all the available funds of the city having been appropriated at the first of the year, no money can be appropriated or transferred from the Reserve Fund without a recommendation in writing from His Honor the Mayor. I feel, however, that it is not the duty of the President of the Council to act as corporation counsel, and under the law it would be illegal for me to

so act, as I understand it. I simply throw that out for the benefit of the gentleman in order that, if an unfavorable return should be made upon this matter, it may not be charged up to us. The question is on the passage of the order.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President and fellow-members, this matter concerns me so deeply that I think I ought to say a few words. I agree with the sentiments of the last speaker when he says that the City of Boston, having appropriated money for the erection of this statue to this noble hero, ought to appropriate sufficient money for a proper celebration. I understand from my colleague from Wd. 21 that this society has undertaken to raise \$2500 for the dedication of this statue. We are now within 15 days of the dedication and they have not raised half, or nearly half, that amount, after having sent out circulars through Roxbury and West Roxbury and different districts. I would like to ask the members if that looks as though we were going to have the money for the celebration? It seems to me that there has been nothing for a long time more opportune, for which the City of Boston should more properly appropriate money than for the dedication of this monument to this noble man, Joseph Warren. True, he was born in Roxbury, but he fought for Boston, he fought for this country, and I will say that I am proud to be here to support this order. I am only an adopted son of the United States, but I am proud of it, and I feel it is a great privilege for me to come here and vote for \$2500 for such a noble purpose. I cannot understand the sentiment that leads my brother from Wd. 21 to oppose it, except that there may be some personal motive—but I don't think such motives can be attributed to him. It must be because of lack of judgment. It cannot be that he means anything wrong; the gentleman makes an error in judgment only. I have been intimate with him for a long time and would not attribute to him the doing of anything wrong knowingly. Therefore, gentlemen, I trust you will please overlook his judgment in this matter (laughter) and vote for the order of \$2500.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, it will probably not be necessary for me to rise to a question of personal privilege to reply to my very good friend in the first division; but I have said something which, leaving the patriotism of the thing out altogether, has not been rebutted or controverted. The Chair's suggestion should also have some due weight—that is, that the possibilities of our getting this money are remote. That being so, and also taking into consideration the other questions that suggest themselves in this matter and which must appeal to every member of this body, I ask you if you want to take action which will handicap that committee out there in any way? In regard to the remarks of the gentleman in the Fourth Division (Mr. Price) in regard to people taking things upon themselves, and so forth, I will simply say that the Joseph Warren Monument Association first took hold of the matter of the statue and raised money to put into the statue, and an arrangement was made by the Mayor at the time by which the city assisted to a certain extent in the matter. But those gentlemen out there started this movement and have been mainly instrumental in carrying it through, and I think they ought to have more to say upon a matter of this kind than the gentleman from Wd. 23 or any gentleman from Wd. 21, including myself—because I never put a dollar into the money raised for the statue, although I have put something into the money for the celebration. It seems to me that those gentlemen out there will be able to carry

through an appropriate celebration, and in regard to the money that is being raised that it is practically already raised. With the amount we already have, and with certain others who are going to contribute, there will be sufficient money to carry it through. A number of the solid men of the district and of the city are interested in this thing, and some who have not already sent in their subscription have been interviewed and are going to do so, and within a week's time I have no doubt every dollar we need for our celebration will be raised. I assure the Council that the celebration will be a dignified one—a commemoration, as I said before, and not a carnival. I am sure that we can do it in a proper manner, and I can assure the members of the Council that if they will come and occupy seats that will be reserved for them on the grandstand on that day they will approve of the celebration that we shall endeavor to have and that they will endorse the unselfish policy that the Wd. 21 Committee has adopted of not asking the city for any more money.

The order failed of passage (50 votes being necessary), yeas 47, nays 12.

Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzeli, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway, (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKnight, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—47.

Nays—Cook, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Fitzgerald, T. F., Mancovitz, Maynard, McKie, McKirdy, Pierce, Simms, Spillane—12.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Carter, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Driscoll, Ferber, Foley, Harrington, Lacey, MacLoud, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Reagan, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J. Jr.—16.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I desire to call up No. 9. Without making any remarks, I hope the order will pass.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman's motion is not in order at this time. The Chair thought the gentleman was going to doubt the vote. Under the rule, the first division should now be recognized.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr. Conway of Wd. 23, to take No. 14 from the table, viz.:

14. Ordered, That the present Building Committee of the Common Council be discharged and a new one appointed by the President, not to include the author of this order.

The order was read a second time, and was declared rejected.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was declared rejected, eight voting in the affirmative and 16 in the negative.

Mr. CONWAY further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I move for reconsideration and ask that it be assigned to the next meeting of the Council. Personally I care not what the outcome of this order may be, but I am very much surprised that the members of the Council show so much indifference—that is a mild way of putting it—to the disregard shown by the Building Committee for orders of this Council. If the members of the Council are willing to have their orders disregarded by any committee of the Council, it shows that the Council it-

self is smaller than any committee of it. When that condition exists, it is better that the Council should dissolve itself into a committee of five or six and go out of existence.

This is a matter which perhaps the members of the Council look upon as a joke; but if such a thing happens here as happened in Chicago perhaps the members of the Council will feel that they were negligent in their duty in allowing such utter disregard of their orders as has been shown by the Building Committee. I take this position simply and entirely with a feeling that it is my duty to the citizens of Boston. I want to deny at the start that I am attacking any member of the Building Committee as a member of that committee, but I attack the committee as a whole and charge them with neglect and disregard of the orders of this council. I have done my duty; the members of this Council can do their duty as they see fit. They can have this Building Committee continue to disregard the orders of the Council and bring back reports upon brick walls, which apparently seem to be of more importance to the Building Committee than the safety of public places of amusement is. It may be claimed that the Building Committee has no power to act upon matters of this kind. If not, it should find out that it has none and should report to this Council accordingly upon the orders of the Council. But if the Committee has, as it claims to have, the right to make inspection of theatres, whether it is for the benefit of the citizens of Boston or not, then it is the Committee's duty to take some interest in the matters which have been called to its attention; and I claim that the Committee is negligent in the performance of its duty, and that the members of the Council as a whole are negligent, in not having some action taken up to the present time. As I have said before, I have done my duty as I understand it. If there is ever such an occurrence in the City of Boston as there was in the city of Chicago, the burden of the responsibility will rest entirely upon the City Council, and this body will have to bear its share of it. We should not allow a committee to disregard our orders, and if we do so we must bear the burden and responsibility of any loss of life which may result. I hope there will be no such result at any time in the future; but if there is it will be because of negligence of the City Council, and it will be upon the consciences of the members here—if there are any in the City Council.

The motion to assign reconsideration to the next meeting was declared lost.

Mr. CONWAY doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were not ordered. A rising vote was taken, on motion of Mr. Conway, and the Council voted to assign reconsideration to the next meeting, 20 in the affirmative and 18 in the negative.

BATHING FACILITIES, McKENZIE BEACH.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 11 called up No. 11, assignment, viz.:

1. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars be hereby appropriated, to be expended by the Bath Department in providing proper bathing facilities on McKenzie Beach; and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city of Boston to the above amount.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16—Mr. President, owing to the lateness of the hour and the amount of discussion there has been this evening, I will say but a word upon this order. I trust that it will pass, as it is a matter of great importance to the district I have the honor to represent in part. I don't care to say much

upon the order, as the hour is getting late, unless some member of the Council desires information upon it; but I move a suspension of the rule that it may go upon its passage.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, yeas 59, nays 1.

Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMaekin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Preece, Raehkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Warner, Williams, Wood—59.

Nay—Pierce—1.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Carter, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Ferber, Foley, Harrington, Lacey, MacLoud, Patterson, Reagan, Stalker, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—15.

Mr. McDONALD moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair thinks it wise to suggest at this time that, according to the computation of the City Auditor, there is now about \$37,000 left to borrow; that we have had a notice from His Honor the Mayor that there is a deficit of \$36,000 in some reservoir case, and that that leaves about \$1000 for pin money, if the deficit is to be taken care of.

MEMORIAL TO COL. BOGAN.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 called up No. 9 assignment, viz:—

9. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be hereby appropriated to be expended by the Art Department for the erection in Charlestown of a memorial of Colonel Fred B. Bogan; and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Passed, yeas 54, nays 4.

Yeas—Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Sherwin, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMaekin, Moynihan, Murray, Raehkowsky, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner—54.

Nays—Pierce, Preece, Simms, Wood—4.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Barrett, Carter, Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Ewell, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, McKnight, Newton, Patterson, Reagan, Stalker, Williams—17.

Mr. Murray moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

PUBLISHING OF CITY PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17 called up No. 7, unfinished business, viz:

7. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to make a contract, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, for publishing the proceedings of the City Council in a daily newspaper in this city for one year from June 1, 1904; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

Mr. GRADY moved reference of the order to the Committee on Printing, and

the motion was declared carried. Mr. Grady moved to reconsider; hoping it would not prevail.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I wish to doubt the vote on the reference to the Committee. I am sorry that the President should have put the reference through so rapidly, and should have entertained a motion to reconsider before an opportunity was given to doubt the vote. I arose immediately after the reference was declared to doubt the vote, and I think it is a privilege I ought to have.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is not of the opinion that he has been transacting business too rapidly, but he is glad to know that the gentleman is in the chamber, where he can see just what the Chair is doing. In common with many others, the gentleman has been in the habit of absenting himself from the chamber and delaying the business of the Council, only coming in with others at certain times, in order to be recorded. This is something that the Chair made allusion to at the last meeting and to which he will continue to make allusion until it is remedied, if it is necessary to close the doors to remedy it. The question is on reconsideration. Reconsideration was refused.

LAMPS, EASTBURN ST.

Mr. McKINNEY of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to substitute gas lamps for naphtha lamps on Eastburn St., Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF BEACHAM ST.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Beacham St., Wd. 4, Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT INQUIRIES.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the City Collector to submit to the Common Council answers to the following inquiries:—1. Why did the salaries for clerks in the Collecting Department increase from \$56,940.91 in 1901 to \$66,954.02 in 1903, an increase of \$10,013.11 in two years, or 17½ per cent.? 2. Why did the number of regular men on the pay roll in this department increase from 47 on March 1, 1901, to 57 on March 1, 1904, an increase of 10 men or 21 per cent.?

Referred to the Mayor.

BRIDGE DIVISION EMPLOYEES.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the attention of His Honor the Mayor be called to the answer of the Deputy Superintendent of the Bridge Division, Mr. Joseph P. Lomasney, submitted to the council on May 5, 1904, in response to inquiries made April 14, 1904, in regard to the extraordinary increase in the force of drawtenders and assistants; and to the fact that there are twenty superfluous assistant drawtenders in that division whose services might be dispensed with, which would result in an annual saving of \$16,000 or 15 per cent. of the drawtenders' payroll; and to the further facts that the eight hour law which is given as an excuse for the increase of 53, is a good excuse for an increase of 33 only, because the eight hour law had been in full operation seven months before the present deputy superintendent took office, January 23, 1902, and at that time 107 men were all that were considered necessary to properly man the bridges, although the amount of business

was greater then than now, and the number of bridges was the same; that the average number of men employed for over a year prior to July, 1902, when 124 men were employed, was 107 only. And that the attention of His Honor the Mayor be called to the further fact that there are now employed three more assistant draw-tenders, than even the superintendent himself in his answer says are necessary, to wit, 127.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that this order lie on the table.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I trust that this order will not be laid upon the table. There can be no question that there are twenty unnecessary draw-tenders employed in this department; and, Mr. President, every dollar of public money unnecessarily expended is a dollar wrongfully and dishonestly expended.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Such a remark about the Deputy Superintendent of Streets expending the money in his department dishonestly, should be stricken from the records.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, every office holder unnecessarily kept in office represents a breach of trust, and I think that is a sufficient reason to ask the mayor to dispense with the services of these twenty superfluous draw-tenders. If it were necessary to call other witnesses to show that 107 men are all that are necessary to man these bridges, I would most respectfully call Mr. Joseph P. Lomasney himself. In his report dated February 1, 1902, he explains the effect of the eight-hour law. He says:—

"The force employed on the tidewater bridges are all working on an eight-hour basis, which necessitated an increase of forty per cent. of the force in order to cover the day of twenty-four hours."

Now, Mr. President, before this eight-hour law went into effect there were 74 drawtenders employed. Forty per cent. of 74 is 30, bringing the total number necessary, according to Mr. Joseph P. Lomasney himself, up to 104. There are 127 men there, so I have given Mr. Lomasney some leeway, according to his own statement.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I am sorry not to be as familiar with the facts of the case as the member from Wd. 11 claims to be, but it strikes me that the Deputy Superintendent of Bridges, or any deputy, is more competent to decide how many men he needs than is any member of this body, and I think the civil service commission look into these matters and that men are not appointed unless they are needed and unless they pass a proper examination. I believe the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets also supervise the men in the departments, in addition to the supervision by the deputies. I see, therefore, no reason why these questions should be asked, and I think my motion to lay on the table should prevail.

The order was declared laid on the table.

Mr. PIERCE doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote, which was taken, and the order was laid on the table, 23 members voting in the affirmative and 10 in the negative.

Mr. PIERCE further doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were not ordered.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I move that the motion be reconsidered. I make this motion simply in order to make one remark and to ask one question—that is, whether the members of this Council are willing to try to stop the unnecessary expenditure of \$16,000 annually?

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is out of order.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that reconsideration cannot be had of the motion to lay on the table. That motion has been declared carried.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE, G. A. R. VISIT.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 called up No. 8, assignment, viz:—

8. Ordered, That a special committee of twenty-five (25) members of the Council, one from each ward (which shall include the President of this Council), and such members of the Board of Aldermen as the Board may see fit to add, be appointed to take full charge of the city's entertainment and reception to the Grand Army of the Republic during their visit to this city in August.

The question came on the motion (notice filed by Mr. Cook) to reconsider the vote of April 14, whereby the above order was passed.

The question came on reconsideration of the passage of the order.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I hope the vote of the Council will be reconsidered, simply from the fact that upon looking at the records of the City Council of 1890, the last time when such a committee was appointed, I find that that committee had absolutely no power, that the money, except for the necessary decorations and stands, was given to the executive committee of the Grand Army Encampment direct; that there is a similar committee of that organization this year, and that it is the Mayor's intention to give the money for the Grand Army celebration to a committee which has among its members such men as Lucius Field, Silas A. Barton, Elisha T. Harvell, William M. Olin, Edward H. Haskell, Wilmon W. Blackmar, J. Payson Bradley and Cranmore N. Wallace.

The Treasurer of that committee is Mr. Weeks, of the firm of Hornblower & Weeks, which will show to the Council, I believe, that that committee is responsible and reliable. If this Committee is appointed it will be the fifth wheel to a coach; and, for that reason, which I think should commend itself to the consideration of the Council, I trust that the committee will not be appointed.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, the gentleman who has moved reconsideration of this matter has not given the members of the Council any new ideas or stated anything that they have not always known. Nobody expects it, nor was it the intention of the member who introduced the order, that the amount of money set aside to be used for the entertainment of the Grand Army would be expended by this committee. When the Grand Army was here before, about fifteen years ago, an order practically identical with this was introduced by a member of the Grand Army at that time, who was a member of this City Government. The order was passed. So far as my knowledge goes, there never has been a popular occasion of this kind in Boston but what there has been a committee to represent the city of Boston, if occasion should require it. For the reception of other notable men, men renowned in war and in other walks of life, there has always been a committee appointed to represent the city in the public entertainment or at public meetings during their stay; and I feel that it would not be treating the Grand Army right if the City of Boston should take no notice whatever of their coming here probably for the last time. I did not expect, and I don't believe the older members of this government expected, that any of this money would be expended by the members of the committee representing the City Government. Everybody is fully aware that there is a law against that. But I believe we all think that, where occasion requires it, the City Government should

be represented in public matters. The gentlemen who have charge of the encampment of the G. A. R. are men well known, and nobody questions their ability to handle this money a great deal better, probably, than it would be handled by any members of the City Government; but I would simply like to say that the whole object of the order is that the city may be represented, when occasion requires it, during the last time, probably, that the Grand Army will ever visit this city.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I trust that the motion to reconsider will prevail, as I see no reason why a committee of this sort should be appointed. Mr. Wood has stated, if I quote him correctly, that in times past public men visiting Boston have been received by such committees. But I think at the time when Prince Henry was here no such committee was appointed. At that time I drew up an order along the same lines as this, but upon hearing that the Mayor was opposed to it I went in to see him. He told me that it was utterly useless for the Council or the Board of Aldermen to interfere in anything of the sort; that he was Mayor of Boston and was perfectly qualified and had ample means to entertain Prince Henry in any way he saw fit. I agreed with him; I thought he was the proper person—and I think in this case the Mayor of Boston, or whoever may be here to represent him at that time, will be perfectly qualified to entertain the Grand Army. This is one of the times when I stand by the Mayor, and I think it would be imposing upon him to appoint a committee of twenty-five to do what I think he is perfectly qualified to do. I trust that reconsideration will prevail and that no such committee will be appointed.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, I desire to speak to the Council in regard to a line in my friend's order—line 5, which contains the words "to take full charge of the city's entertainment." My understanding of the English language is that "full charge" means just one thing, and if it means what my friend from Wd. 20 (Mr. Wood) has attempted to show tonight, it means that I will have to go back to school and study definitions all over again. I am frank to say that I don't believe the Grand Army is going to be very seriously disappointed if they don't have a committee of 25 from this Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, for this purpose. I think the Grand Army will be amply satisfied with the recognition and honor shown them by His Honor the Mayor, and it seems to me the recognition that my friend has spoken of has been amply and splendidly made by the appropriation of \$25,000.

Mr. WOOD—Mr. President, if the Cook of the Council wants to have the words "to take full charge" stricken out, I am perfectly willing. But I do believe we have come here representing certain parts of the city and that it is only fitting and right that the City Council should show some recognition of the Grand Army. If there are any words in this order that puzzle his brain, that he thinks are going to interfere with or hamper any part of the entertainment that will probably be provided, I am perfectly willing to have them stricken out. But I do believe it is only right and proper that a committee should be appointed. I know at the time the 26th regiment went away a committee was appointed, and there was a committee appointed at the time of the return of Admiral Dewey and the crew of the Olympia. But the committee never had a cent to spend and did not spend anything in any way. There are, however, occasions that come up at such times when somebody should represent the city. If the Mayor does not desire to call upon them at certain times, that is a right he has. But I cannot remember any occasion, certainly, when the Grand Army or any notable people have visited the city

when we have not shown some such recognition of it. If the City Council, or this branch of it, wishes to give up all recognition of such things and throw them to the winds, as recommended by the gentleman from Wd. 21 (Mr. Cook), very well; but I believe the members will take the position that there should be some recognition of the Grand Army coming here.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, I am perfectly well aware that the Council's attitude in regard to my vocal efforts here tonight is that it is looking forward to the time when "silence like a poultice comes, to heal the blows of sound" (laughter); But I will say that at the first meeting there was an order offered by my good friend from Wd. 20 and passed, for the appointment of a smaller committee for a similar purpose.

If what my good friend from Wd. 20 wants is recognition of the Grand Army, it seems to me such recognition will have been amply and properly given when the Board of Aldermen sees fit to act upon that order. Of course, there has been some delay in the Board upon that order, but I think we may fairly assume that the Board will delay action upon this order just as much as upon the other.

Reconsideration prevailed, and the order was declared rejected.

Mr. WOOD doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, four in the affirmative and fourteen in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will declare that it is not a vote, unless the gentleman desires to take advantage of the fact that the vote appears to be a vote of less than a quorum.

The order stood rejected.

REMOVAL AND TRIMMING TREES.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to remove a number of dead trees in Monument Sq., Charlestown District, and to replace the same with other trees; also that he be requested to trim the other trees surrounding the said Monument Sq. and, if possible, to have the work done before the 17th of June, current.

Referred to the Mayor.

ENGINE HOUSE, EAST BOSTON.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill the sum of \$20,000 for an engine house and site, Orient Heights, East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

DELIVERY STATION, OAK SQ.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 presented a petition signed by James A. Thomas and a number of others asking for a book delivery station in Brighton.

In connection with the petition Mr. Richardson offered the following order—That the Library Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a branch or book delivery station in that part of Brighton known as Oak Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

SEITEES FOR PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPT.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Committee on Finance be requested to immediately provide the sum of \$5000 for the purchase of sitees for the Public Grounds Department.

Before Mr. Fay's order was acted upon, Mr. Manovitz of Wd. 8 said:—

Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I question the presence of a quorum in the chamber.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:—

Present—Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Colbert, Conboy, Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKinney, McKnight, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Pierce, Price, Simms, Warner, Wood—33.

Absent—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Cado-gan, Callahan, Carter, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conway (3), Crowley, J. F., Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Ferber, Foley, Gethro, Harrington, Lacey, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Patterson, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams—37.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty-eight members having responded, a quorum is present.

Mr. FAY—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule, that the order go upon its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that it is not in proper shape for passage. The Chair will refer the matter, if the gentleman desires, to the Committee on Finance.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel, through

His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council as to the right of the Penal Institutions Commissioner to use for a pathological building the appropriation of \$10,000 which was borrowed for a mortuary and receiving room at Long Island.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I ask for this information tonight from the Corporation Counsel with no expectation of getting it. The result may be very much the same as in the case of my friend from Wd. 23, who has sought for information in several directions and has failed to have it returned to this body. But in paying a visit to Long Island a few weeks ago I came across a lot of old friends that I met there in the investigation last year, and it seemed as though there was more complaint made against the present commissioner than was made against Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln. It seems that he has given all the authority of running the institution into the hands of Dr. Cox, although the committee recommended that a layman be appointed to the position of Superintendent, and also recommended that they dispense with the pathologist down there. I hope to get an answer from this at an early day, to see whether I should vote for an appropriation that he expects to get for some other buildings down there, and which I suppose he will also use for the pathological building. I trust I will get an answer to this soon.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 11:06 o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. SIMMS of Wd. 11, to meet subject to the call of the Chair.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, June 6, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M. Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Bromberg.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Kneeland, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:—

(1) Thomas M. Babson (133 St. Botolph St.), Corporation Counsel for the term ending April 30, 1905.

(2) Reginald G. Inge (282 Lamartine St.), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over, under the law.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
June 3, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Osborne Howes (55 Kilby St.), a member of the Board provided for under Section 1 of Chapter 368 of the Acts of the year 1904, as the representative of the fire insurance interests of Boston provided for by said act, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Placed on file.

GREEK CROSS IN SIDEWALK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
May 25, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your order permitting the estate of Henry C. Richards to lay and maintain a block, 12 inches square, representing a Greek cross, in the sidewalk in front of estate 174 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

I think this method of using a public way for advertising purposes is objectionable in many ways and against public policy. The proposed block would necessarily be something to arrest attention, and, if a sufficient number of persons were attracted by it, it might operate as an obstruction of the travelled way. Moreover, the block would not be, and probably could not be, of the same material as the sidewalk, and therefore would not wear evenly with the other material.

For these reasons, and for the reason that it is a form of advertising which is objectionable in itself, the permit should not be granted, as a matter of public policy.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Whelton.

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLHOUSE COMMISSION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
June 6, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith an attested copy of Chapter 376 of the Acts of the present year, entitled "An Act Relative to the Schoolhouse Department of the City of Boston."

Section 2 of this Act provides that it

shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying order accepting the Act.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

(Chapter 376.)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

AN ACT Relative to the Schoolhouse Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Section 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and seventy-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one is hereby amended by striking out the words "The school committee shall appropriate money to pay the salaries of the members of the board and so much of the necessary expenses of said department as are not provided for by section four of this act," in lines nineteen to twenty-two, both inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the words:—The salaries and other necessary expenses of said department shall be apportioned and paid out of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by section four of this act, and out of such sums as shall be appropriated by said school committee for constructing and furnishing new school buildings, including the taking of land therefor and for school yards, and the preparing of school yards for use, and for repairs and alterations of school buildings, which apportionment shall be approved by the mayor,—so as to read as follows:—

Section 1. The schoolhouse department of the city of Boston is hereby established and shall be under the charge of a board of three commissioners, citizens of Boston, appointed by the mayor of the city without confirmation. During the current year one of said commissioners shall be appointed for the term of three years, one for the term of two years and one for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of June of said year; and on or before the expiration of any term a commissioner shall be appointed for a term of three years, beginning with the first day of June in the year in which such term expires. Any vacancy occurring in the number of the commissioners shall be filled by appointment of a commissioner in the manner aforesaid, for the remainder of the term. The members of the board shall be paid a salary; the chairman at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, and each of the other members at the rate of thirty-five hundred dollars per annum. The salaries and other necessary expenses of said department shall be apportioned and paid out of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by section four of this act, and out of such sums as shall be apportioned by said school committee for constructing and furnishing new school buildings, including the taking of land therefor and for school yards, and the preparing of school yards for use, and for repairs and alterations of school buildings, which apportionment shall be approved by the mayor. The provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and of all other acts relating to the departments of the city of Boston or the officers or employees thereof, so far as they may be applicable and not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to said department and to the officers and employees thereof. The said board shall make an annual report in writing of its doings, and of all the business transacted by it, to the mayor of the city of Boston, and said report shall be printed as a public document of said city.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon

its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston.

House of Representatives, May 23, 1904.

Passed to be enacted.

Louis A. Frothingham, Speaker.

In Senate, May 24, 1904.

Passed to be enacted.

George R. Jones, President.

May 25, 1904.

Approved, John L. Bates.

Office of the Secretary,

Boston, June 4, 1904.

A true copy.

Witness the Great Seal of the Commonwealth.

(Seal)

Wm. M. Olin,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

City of Boston, In Board of Aldermen,

June 6, 1904.

Ordered: That Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act Relative to the Schoolhouse Department of the City of Boston" be and hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Quigley.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

William H. Murphy, two signs, at 9 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

S. Preville & Co., a sign, at 40 Merrimac St., Wd. 6.

Sam Rusidsky, a sign, at 2-4 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Robert Drinkwater, two signs over Washington St., and one over School St., Wd. 6.

F. H. Dow & Co., a sign, at 41 So. Market St., Wd. 6.

Enrico Delle Donne & Co., an illuminated sign, (a druggist's mortar) at 71 Prince St., Wd. 6.

National Coal Tar Co., a drum sign, at 297 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Louis Blangard, a sign, at 691 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Fred L. Taylor, a sign, at 30 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Robert Drinkwater, two barber poles and one illuminated sign, at 595 Washington St., Wd. 7.

H. M. Rowe & Co., for leave to project two unlettered lamps at 25 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

L. Stratt & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 414 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

John Pistario, an arc lamp, at 315 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, three gas arc lamps, at 209 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

F. H. Rogers & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 9 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Fred Preston, an unlettered lamp, at 504 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Walter Perkins, one unlettered lamp, at 365 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

Joseph M. Duffy & Co., an illuminated sign, at 178 W. Fourth St., Wd. 13.

J. Solomon, a sign, at 2688 Washington St., Wd. 21.

A. Clark West, an illuminated sign, at 636A Warren St., Wd. 21.

Louis Vatts, a sign, at 352 Washington St., Wd. 25.

N. Salinger, an illuminated sign, at 433 Washington St., Wd. 7.

E. F. Bradbury, unlettered lamp, 39 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Lawrence Kennedy & Co., illuminated sign, 741 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Kelley & Co., gas lamp, 140-4 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

James H. Griffin, electric sign, 115 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Claims.

George Maxx, to be paid for damages

to his son's bicycle while crossing the East Boston Ferry.

Jeremiah J. Hourin, to be paid for expense incurred on account of injuries sustained by his wife Mary A. Hourin, caused by an alleged defect in Armstrong St., Roxbury.

Doyle & O'Brien, for compensation for damage to property at 1123 Columbus Ave., by the taking up of water and filth upon said premises from an alleged defective sewer.

Mary A. Hourin, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Armstrong St., Roxbury.

The New Riding Club, for compensation for damages to drain and gutters by agents of the city in repairing or constructing sewer in Hemenway St.

Supt. of Public Grounds,

Elizabeth H. Brown, for the trimming of a tree at 27 High St., Wd. 3.

Licenses.

Free Home for Consumptives, for a license for a garden party at 428 Quincy St., June 25, 1904.

Petitions of Stair & Wilbur for dramatic, musical and vaudeville entertainments for the season ending August 1, 1905, as follows:-

At the Globe Theatre; at the Majestic Theatre; at Boston Music Hall, and at the Hub Theatre.

Special Committee on Fourth of July.

The Emerson Union for Ideal Culture, that the City Council take measures to cause more peaceful methods to be observed in the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, viz.:-

For leave to erect two poles on Church St. between Winter and Highland Sts., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect two poles on Eutaw St., between Marion and Brooks Sts., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect one pole on Elmwood St., at Texas St., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect sixteen poles on Bennington St., and to remove four poles on Bennington St., and one pole on Walley St., Wd. 1.

For leave to acquire twenty poles of the French Telegraph Cable Company on Dorchester Ave., between Fort Point Channel and Andrew Sq., Wds. 13 and 15.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect poles in Oak St. and other streets in Wds. 4 and 5.

For leave to relocate one pole on Massachusetts Ave., near Graham St., Wd. 16.

For leave to relocate one pole on Columbus Ave., near Station St., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect six poles on Glenarm St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect one pole each on Elm St., Columbus Ave. and Circuit St., Wds. 21 and 22.

For leave to erect five poles on South St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect five poles on Bentley St., Wd. 25.

For leave to attach its wires and fixtures to five trees on G St., Wd. 15.

Railroads.

Mrs. Adelaide J. Sargent, for the removal of a pole at the West End St. Ry. Co. on Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

Public Improvements.

Walter Baker & Co., limited, for leave to place an iron pipe under and across sidewalks at Washington St., Wd. 24.

Trustees of Tufts College, for leave to place patent sidewalk covers at 234-236 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Petitions for leave to erect guy posts, viz:—

Metropolitan Contracting Co., one, on Hemenway St., Wd. 10.

David W. McKinney, one, at or near 391 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

W. N. Pike & Sons, on Reed's court, Ambrose St and Orchard Park St., Wd. 17.

Louis Noceti, on Unity St., and at corner of Unity and Charter Sts., Wd. 6.

Petitions for leave to lay 1¼-in. pipes under and across sidewalks, as follows:—

F. H. Mills, at School St., cor. Washington St., Wd. 22.

John Sanford, at Green St., cor. Washington St., Wd. 22.

Littlefield Bros., at 236 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Estate of J. H. Robinson, at 200 Adams St., Wd. 24.

J. H. Wentworth, at Day St., corner of Centre St., Wd. 18.

A. E. Wallace, at Neponset Ave., Wd. 23.

R. McCullough, at 2718 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

John Doherty, 73 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Boston Wharf Co., at Dwinell-Wright Bldg., Summer St. ex., Wd. 13.

Julia Nopper, 707 E. Second St., Wd. 14.

M. A. Foley estate, 13-15-17 Brookford St., Wd. 16.

Boyd & Berry, 951-957 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Magdalena Bohndell, 232-234 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Edwin M. Hahn, 161 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

James P. Magenis, 190 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Charles W. Rogers, 165 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

Willard A. Paul, 157 Harvard St., Wd. 20.

W. S. Hennessey, Jr., 23 Dix St., Wd. 24.

Sarah F. Sanford, 53 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

Mrs. George Phillips, 1-9 Cedar St., Wd. 24.

Cyrus W. Cole, 25 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

Michael Kelley, 28 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, etc., viz:—

1. Thomas J. McMahon (hearing ordered for May 31), one window at 197 E St., Wd. 15.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

2. Thomas J. McMahon, one window at 197 E St., Wd. 15.

3. Frank Turnbull, one window and a cornice, at 26 Marion St., Wd. 3.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz:—

4. For leave to erect four poles on Hutchings St., between Humboldt Ave. and Harold St., Wd. 21.

5. For leave to attach wires and fixtures to a tree on Sixth St., corner of I, Wd. 14.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the United States War Department giving the city permission to build a tunnel under Fort Point Channel, and place water pipes therein.

Placed on file.

7. Message of the Mayor transmitting communication from the City Auditor giving notice of a deficit of \$36,259.36 in the appropriation for Chestnut Hill Park, caused by the payment of an execution of court.

Placed on file.

8. Message of the Mayor transmitting a communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to a proposed exchange of certain lands with Harvard College, for the purpose of straightening the boundary line between the North Brighton Playground and the Soldiers' Field, and recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners, with the approval of the Mayor, be, and they are hereby, authorized in the name and behalf of the city, and for the purpose of straightening and improving the boundary line between the North Brighton Playground and the Soldiers' Field, so called, to convey to the President and Fellows of Harvard College by deed satisfactory to the Law Department, two parcels of land containing thirty-two thousand five hundred eighty (32,580) square feet in exchange for two parcels of land to be conveyed by said corporation to the City of Boston, also containing thirty-two thousand five hundred eighty (32,580) square feet; said parcels being shown on a plan showing change of lines between Soldiers' Field and Brighton Playground, dated April 13, 1904, signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

9. Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of five members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the observance of the unveiling of the statue of Joseph Warren, in Roxbury, June 17, 1904.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

10. Ordered, That the expense of hearings given by joint committees of the City Council on matters referred to them by the City Council, or either branch thereof, be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Water Commissioner be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the purpose of maintaining and furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season; said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

12. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000) be hereby appropriated to be expended by the Bath Department, in providing proper bathing facilities on McKenzie Beach; and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

13. Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Bath Commissioners for the completion of the all-the-year-around bath-house, North End, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of His Honor the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston for said amount.

The CHAIRMAN—The order will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I do not like to do anything that is not in accordance with the opinions of the members of the Board, but members of this Board who were also members of the Board of Aldermen of 1903 will remember the order in question. An order "that the sum of \$40,000 be appropriated to be expended by the Bath Department for the completion of bath-house, North End," was passed last year by the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council and vetoed on the ground that the items, in-

cluding this "with others already passed by the Common Council, exceed the borrowing capacity of the year by several thousand dollars, and if allowed to stand would imperil the negotiation of any loans offered for sale. Moreover, the above items are for purposes which, however desirable, may be postponed for some time."

It seems to me that the time is now ripe for action in the matter. The city has purchased the land, and we are simply waiting for the appropriation of an amount to erect the building. An order for that has passed the Common Council at its last meeting by a vote of 63 to 1. The people of the North End and West End are very desirous that this should pass this year, and I would very much like to see it passed. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move a suspension of the rule, that the order may be put upon its passage at this time.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will withdraw the reference to the Committee on Public Improvements. The question is on suspending the rule.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, as the gentleman who has just taken his seat well knows, the amount of the borrowing capacity of the city available at the present time is in the neighborhood of \$781,000. There is already on file in the records of the Finance Committee a recommendation by His Honor the Mayor to the effect that \$700,000 of that be reserved for the payment of the Old Colony Debt, so called. That leaves a balance of about \$81,000. In the Committee on Finance there are a number of orders calling for improvements in this section and that section of the City; and, while I have no doubt that the order upon which the gentleman has just spoken is a most desirable and most worthy one, there are other improvements needed throughout different sections of the city, and it still remains to be seen whether this is the most desirable order that has yet been offered for consideration. When the gentleman says that plans have already been made and the land bought and that it is necessary to raise \$40,000 for the completion of this bath-house, let me say that over in South Boston the City of Boston has not only bought land for a bath-house, some years ago, but has put in a foundation for the building, and that we are still in want of an appropriation of \$20,000 to go ahead with the work. But, as I have already stated, the amount of money available at this time is extremely small, and it is a matter for the Committee on Finance, as I take it, to consider what loans are absolutely necessary and to then recommend to this body orders to provide for those necessary loans. It seems to me that this matter can as well wait as any other matter which has been brought to the attention of the Finance Committee. There is certainly no hurry about putting through this loan today. If it should be decided by the Committee on Finance and by the members of this Board that there is a crying need for this \$40,000 it can be appropriated later, if the funds are available. Certainly, if the money is appropriated today and the order is approved by His Honor the Mayor, no work can be done which will be completed in time to be of any use for the coming bathing season. Therefore, I would recommend that the matter be referred either to the Committee on Public Improvements or to the Committee on Finance; but as No. 12 has already been referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, I move you, sir, that No. 13 take the same course.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I realize full well, as every member of the Board does, that there are things which

are needed in each member's district and that every member of the Board is desirous of carrying them out. But I am selfish enough, if I may be permitted to say so, to wish to see this order go through today. The people of the North End, as the members of this Board well know, do not enjoy the facilities and advantages of people living at the South End, Dorchester and in the suburbs, and the matter before us for consideration is one that will appeal to everyone. Thousands and thousands of people live in the crowded tenement houses of the North and West Ends, as I do myself, and there are some who are perhaps not so fortunate as I; and the members of this Board must know full well the needs of such a building as will be provided under this, present loan order. I know that the people of the North End are very desirous of having this matter acted upon, and I, as their representative in part in this Board, am very anxious to see something done. I would like to have the members of the Board of Aldermen give this matter favorable consideration, and I earnestly hope and trust that my colleagues in the board will vote for suspension of the rule, in order that the order may be placed upon its passage today.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, just one word in reply to the remarks of the gentleman. Last year I thought so well of this order that when the opportunity came and the funds were available I voted in favor of it—not to give \$40,000 for the completion of the North End Bath house, but to give \$30,000, which was the form in which the order came before us last year. I will agree with the gentleman from the North End that the people down in that district may well need such a bathhouse as he is asking for; but if he does not get the order through today, but does get it through one week or two or three weeks later, it will answer just as well. It matters not whether it goes through today or later. The only question is that of the availability of funds, and I think it is not fair to take such action as the gentleman desires to have taken until the committee on finance has made its report. I will say here that the gentleman is a member of the finance committee and may well look after the interests of the North End on that committee. I say it is not fair to try to railroad through an order of this kind until the Committee on Finance has had a chance to make its recommendations in regard to loans that should be passed. When that time comes, when the finance committee has made its report, if its recommendations are not satisfactory to the members of the Board it will then be time enough for them to act. Then this matter can be taken up, and I am satisfied that the good people of the North End—in whom I am interested, perhaps not so vitally as the gentleman from the North End who has just spoken, but I am always interested in the cause of the poor people and of the people who live in tenements and have not the advantages of the wealthy people of the Back Bay and other sections—will get their share, that they will be treated in a proper manner.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared lost, Ald. Slattery doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was lost, yeas 3, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Frothingham, Slattery—3.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

The Board refused to suspend the rule. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The rule was suspended, yeas 9, nays 2; Ald. Frothingham and Slattery voting nay.

The order was passed in concurrence,

yeas 9, nays 2, Ald. Frothingham and Slatery voting nay.

14. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended by the Art Department for the erection in Charlestown of a memorial of Colonel Fred B. Bogan; and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the above amount.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

15. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Wellington-Wild Coal Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on rear 149 Medford St., Wd. 3, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied as a coal-shed, main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board voted, on motion of Chairman DOYLE, to consider Nos. 16 and 17, unfinished business, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

16. Edwin F. Sawyer to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1907, vice John S. Patten, resigned.

17. Edward F. Brennan, Charles F. Tirrell, Henry I. Tripp and Henry J. Wade to be Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yeas 10, nays 2, and the severally appointments were confirmed.

POLES ON HUNTINGTON AVE.

Ald. WHELTON called up No. 18, past assignment, viz.:—

18. Hearing on petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect thirty-four poles on South Huntington Ave., Wds. 19 and 22.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

ORDER OF NOTICE—BALCONY.

On the petition of John J. Williams for leave to project a balcony from building on Bowen St., rear 96 W. Fifth St., Wd. 13—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, June 20, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company accepting order allowing attachment of wires to pole of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Main St., at the Neck, Charlestown.

Placed on file.

SALE OF OIL.

A report was received from the Fire Commissioner on the petition of Louis F. Locke for license to kepe for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 145 Highland St., Wd. 21, approving of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Whelton.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The following constables' bonds were received, after having been approved by the City Treasurer:—

Aaron A. Downs, William H. Lyon, George R. Mathews, John McLoughlin, James A. O'Donnell.

Approved by the Board.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Alphonso Serino (referred May 23), three barber poles, 89 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Kelly & Co. (referred today), gas lamp, 140-4 Leverett St.

S. Previle & Co. (referred today), sign, 40 Merrimac St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 33 newsboys, 6 boot-blacks, 4 vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Free Home for Consumptives (referred today), for license for a garden party at 428 Quincy St., June 25, 1904—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of George L. Layman (referred May 23), for a license for merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot on D St., near 9th St., for two weeks beginning May 30—that a license be granted for two weeks beginning June 6, 1904.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

COMPENSATION FOR CONSTABLE.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on communication from Justice of Police Court of Chelsea (referred May 16), fixing compensation of constable in attendance—that the same be approved.

Report accepted; approved by the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEE HEARINGS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the expense of hearings given by committees of the Board of Aldermen on matters referred to them be charged to the Contingent Fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

CLOSING OF TRINITY PL.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That Trinity Pl., between the Museum of Fine Arts and the Hotel Westminster, be closed to public travel on the evening of Monday, June 6, 1904, for the purpose of extending an awning across said place, on the occasion of a reception and dinner of the Alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Passed.

DEDICATION OF WARREN STATUE.

Ald. KNEELAND offered the following:

(1) Ordered. That the Board of Police be hereby authorized and requested to close Warren St., Roxbury, between The Warren and Winthrop St., to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, ambulance and United States mail wagons, on Friday, June 17, inst., from 10.50 A.M. to the close

of the exercises in connection with the dedication of the Joseph Warren Statue.

(2) Ordered, That the following-named streets in Roxbury be closed against travel by vehicles, except fire, police, ambulance and United States mail wagons, during such time as may be necessary between the hours of 11 A.M. and 2 P.M., on Friday, June 17, 1904, for the formation and parade of the procession in connection with the dedication of the Warren Statue, viz.:—

For the Formation.

Winthrop and Moreland Sts.

For Route of Parade.

Kearsarge Ave., Warren and Waumbeck Sts., Humboldt and Walnut Aves., Dale, Oakland, Thornton, Ellis, Hawthorne and Highland Sts., Fort Ave., Cedar and Highland Sts. and Eliot Sq. to Bartlett St., where the parade will be dismissed.

(3) Ordered, That Regent St., between St. James and Warren Sts., be closed to travel by vehicles from June 7 to June 20 inclusive, on account of the erection and dedication of the statue of Gen. Joseph Warren.

Severally passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to remove trees in front of estates Nos. 807 East Fourth St., South Boston, and 2 Ashland St., Dorchester; also to trim trees in front of estates Nos. 938 East Fourth St., 821 East Broadway and 752 East Fourth St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of 85 Meridian St., Wd. 2; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to erect and maintain an electric light at the corner of O and Sixth Sts., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

CAN REJECTED APPOINTEE HOLD OFFICE?

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this Board at its next meeting whether or not, in his opinion, a person holding office to which appointment is made by the Mayor of Boston, requiring confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston, can legally continue to hold such office in the event of refusal of said Board to confirm such appointment, or does refusal to confirm such appointment by the said Board of Aldermen, under the statute, require a new appointment to be made.

Passed.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise at this time to endeavor to allay a wrong impression that may have been created in the minds of members of the City Council by a communication in regard to an order presented on April 25, 1904. The order in question was as follows:—

"That the Trustees for Children be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to

allow persons to visit the children at the Parental School on Sundays and holidays, between the hours of two and four o'clock P.M., without restriction as to the number of visits per month to each inmate."

In answer to that order a lengthy communication was received from the Trustees for Children, portions of which are as follows:—

"The Trustees are strongly in favor of having the boys at the Parental School receive visits from their parents as often as is practicable, but they think there are serious objections to increasing the visiting in the way suggested.

"It seems to the Trustees that visiting is abundantly provided for, inasmuch as visitors are welcome on 304 days of the year."

It goes on to say:—

"If necessary, visitors can come to the school at any hour between seven in the morning and seven at night, and in cases where the difficulty of visiting seems to be unusually great, parents have been told they could see their boy at any time before he goes to bed. Three hundred and four days a year is an unusually large number of times for visiting days at any school. It is doubtful whether there is any school in the world, whether public or private, where the visiting days are so numerous."

Now, Mr. Chairman, in reply to that communication of the Trustees, I have only this to say: Here is a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Parental School, and a copy similar to this is placed in every room throughout the different buildings of the Parental School. Rule 7 of the Rules and Regulations in regard to the management and control of the Parental School is as follows: "Except for special reasons, a boy shall be allowed only one visit a month." Mr. Chairman, I am satisfied that an erroneous opinion has been created in the minds of the members of this Board, and possibly in the mind of His Honor the Mayor, after reading over the communication from the Trustees or listening to its being read. My contention is this, that the Parental School is not a place where criminals are sent. It is a place where boys are sent for purposes of reformation, because they play truant, not because they commit any great wrong. It is because I am satisfied that there would be no great injury resulting to the morals of the children themselves or to the institution if the parents, a majority of whom are working people, are allowed to visit their children there on Sundays and holidays, that I took the action I did. As I said before, if it is no great injury to the patients in the City Hospital, confined there by illness, and is no injury to the discipline of that institution, which harbors perhaps ten times as many patients as there are inmates in the Parental School, to allow visits from friends and relatives on Sundays and holidays, I believe it would be no injury to the Parental School to allow such visits. I don't believe it would be any injury to the children or to the discipline of the institution, and I think it would do a great deal of good. The majority of the inmates are children of parents in very poor circumstances, who are unable to visit their children out there on week days without losing a day's pay. The present conditions are a great hardship upon them, and I believe, under all the circumstances, the rule should be changed by the Trustees. I think they have tried to create the impression that under such a plan as I suggest they would be overburdened by visitors, and that it would be a menace to the discipline of the institution and an injury to the children confined there. I believe that impression is wrong, and I trust that the Trustees will, in their judgment, since we have no great power over them, see fit to grant this request and allow parents to

call on children committed there on Sundays and holidays during the time they are there. I believe, also, that it might be possible for the City of Boston, if it desires to reduce expenses, to take steps to have a law passed that will perhaps be of great benefit to the community, in addition to reducing the expenses of the city. Have a law passed making the extreme term of children in that institution one year, and grading the confinement there for first, second and third offences to thirty, sixty and ninety days. From talking with the boys and with others, I believe much good can be accomplished by legislation of that sort. As much reformation can be accomplished in from thirty to ninety days as in two years, as under the present arrangement. It now costs \$250 to maintain a child there for one year and \$500 for a commitment for two years. I think possibly the Trustees might well recommend something in this line to the next General Court, looking to a reduction in the terms of inmates of the institution. Certainly, in view of the fact that no great detriment can result to any of the children or to the institution by allowing visits on Sundays and holidays from one or both parents, or from relatives, I trust that the Trustees will see fit in their judgment to grant this request.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, June 13, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred April 27), to erect five poles in Ashford St., Wd. 25.

The Sanic Company (referred April 4), to erect two poles on Bellevue St., Wd. 20.

The same company and the Brookline Gaslight Co. (referred May 23), that the first-named company be allowed to attach its wires to poles of the second-named company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred May 9) for leave to acquire a pole of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston on Dudley St., at Harrison Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to transfer to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., one pole on Dudley St., at Harrison Ave., shown on a plan made by G. T. Heywood, dated April 22, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and the location as shown on said plan is hereby granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on order (referred May 16) relative to the relocation of certain poles on Walter St., Wd. 23—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That notice be given by the City Clerk to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., that this Board will, on Monday, June 13, 1904, at three o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of ordering the relocation of certain poles of said company on Walter St., between Jones and Weld Sts., from the westerly side to the easterly side of said Walter St.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Brookline Gaslight Co. (recommitted May 9) for leave

to attach its wires to poles of the West End St. Railway Co. on Franklin and Braintree Sts., Wd. 25—recommending the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the West End Street Railway Company to allow the attachment of, and to the Brookline Gas Light Company to attach, the wires of said gas light company to one pole on Franklin St. and three poles on Braintree St. of said street railway company, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by black dots on a plan made by J. A. Gould, dated March 11, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred May 23), for leave to relocate one pole on public alley No. 438—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Public Alley No. 438; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 30 ft. x 12 in.; date of plan, May 19, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Public Alley No. 438, one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permit for opening and occupying street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of relocating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on petition of same company (referred May 16), for leave to relocate pole on Heath St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Heath St., near Lawn St., Wd. 19, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35 ft. x 13 in.; date of plan, May 13, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Heath St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

JUNE 17TH PARADE.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except police, fire, hospital and mail wagons, the streets to be used in the morning and afternoon parades June 17, 1904; and the City Messenger is hereby requested to rope off said streets wherever necessary; the expense to

be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.
Passed.

REPAVING OF NORFOLK AVE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to have Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17, repaved.
Passed.

EXTENDING GRANGER ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Granger St. to Dorchester Ave.
Passed. Sent down.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, at 4.17 o'clock P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6.15 o'clock P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of Walter Baker & Co., Ltd. (referred today) to place an iron pipe under and across sidewalk at Washington St., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered: That upon the petition of Walter Baker & Company, Limited, for leave to lay a conduit containing wires for power, lighting and heating purposes under Washington St., Wd. 24, between estates owned by said company, it is hereby

Ordered: That due notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, June 13, 1904, at three o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of said petitioner, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Herald and Boston Globe.

Report accepted, orders passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Trustees of Tufts College to place, maintain and use a patent sidewalk cover over the present bulkhead opening under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 234-236 Tremont St., Wd. 7, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Louis Noceti to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, one at or near the corner of Charter and Unity Sts., and one at or near No. 10 Unity St., for use during the erection of a building at No. 7 Unity St., Wd. 6, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to David W. McKenney, to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with ropes attached, on Hyde Park Ave., at or near No. 391, for use during the erection of a retaining wall; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Metropolitan Contracting Co., to erect, maintain and use one guy post on Hemenway St., between Bryant and Gainsborough St., Wd. 10, during the construction of a sewer in the Back Bay Fens; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Sandford, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Green St., corner of Washington St., Wd. 22; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to F. H. Mills, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on School St., corner of Washington St., Wd. 22; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(g) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to R. McCullough to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 2718 Washington St., Wd. 21, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(h) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to A. E. Wallace to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Neponset Ave., Mount Hope, Wd. 23; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(i) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. H. Wentworth to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate on Day St., corner of Centre St., Wd. 22; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(j) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Littlefield Bros. to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 2286 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(k) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to estate of J. H. Robinson to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 200 Adams St., Wd. 24; the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the order (referred today) appropriating \$5000 to be expended by the Bath Department in providing proper bathing facilities on McKenzie Beach,—that the same ought to pass.

The Report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, my at-

titude upon this \$5000 loan to be used at McKenzie Beach is similar to that in regard to the North End Park. While I feel that this is a very worthy project and one that perhaps may be very much needed. I do feel that the matter should have been left to the finance committee to consider. If, in their best judgment they reported it, it would then be for the Board of Aldermen to act upon it; and if they did not see fit to report upon it, then, again, any member of the Board of Aldermen would have had an opportunity to introduce an order covering it into the Board. Furthermore, I ask the members of the Board to consider—for I assume, of course, that this loan will be passed, as the loan for the North End park was passed,—that inasmuch as our unexpended borrowing capacity this afternoon was \$781,000, out of which \$700,000 is to come for the Old Colony roadbed, the unexpended balance at the present time is now, as I figure it, \$41,000, an order for \$40,000 having been passed for the North End Bathhouse. Deducting this \$5000 for McKenzie Beach leaves only \$36,000, a sum totally inadequate, I think, to meet the emergencies that may arise during the rest of the financial year. I feel that it is not good financial policy for the Board to go ahead in this way issuing loans exhausting the borrowing capacity of the city. It seems to me a larger amount should be left in the reserve fund to meet emergencies; and I further consider it an act of discourtesy on the part of the members of the board to take action appropriating money away in any such manner prior to the report of the finance committee. It has always been customary in the past, as I understand it, for the finance committee to make its recommendations, and then, if those recommendations do not meet the

approval of the board, for members of the board to offer their substitute orders. I feel constrained, as I said before, to vote against the order, no matter how worthy it may be.

The order was passed in concurrence; yeas 10, nays 2, Ald. Frothingham and Slattery voting nay.

CLOSING KNAPP ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Knapp St., between Harrison Ave. and Beach St., Wd. 7, and on Edgewood St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Warren St., Wd. 21, for a period of thirty days, or during the construction of sewerage works in said locations.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ON WAIT ST.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 7 Wait St., and on the Wait St. side of estate 768 Huntington Ave., Wd. 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 1 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. WHELTON, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. O'TOOLE, at 6.22 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 13, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, June 13, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M. Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 13, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Albert R. Glover (14 Elbert St.) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

COMMISSION ON HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor.
June 7, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I have the honor to notify you that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 333 of the Acts of the current year, I have this day named, as the Commission on the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston provided for by said act, Nathan Matthews, Jr., Henry Parkman and Joseph A. Conry. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

C. E. Cotting et al., trustees, for leave to construct cellar bottom of building on Milk, Federal and Congress Sts., at grade 9 ft. 3 in. and boiler room at grade 6 ft. 3 in.
Boston Molasses Co., for leave to build a wooden addition to shed on way off Summer St. Extension, Wd. 13.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, a gas arc lamp, at 50 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Dennis J. O'Brien, a V-shaped sign at 19 Allston St., Wd. 6.

Wah Lee, a sign, at 10 Charter St., Wd. 6.

Turner Centre Dairying Association, a V-shaped sign, at 33 Fulton St., Wd. 6.

North End Union, a flag pole, from 3d story of building 20 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

Charles Wirth & Co. (two petitions), an electric sign and an illuminated sign, at 35 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Jaynes & Co., a druggist's mortar, at 129 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Golub, a sign, at 10 Spring St., Wd. 8.

Wolf Kelfer, two barber poles, at 36 Wall St., Wd. 8.

Max Levine, a sign, at 1007 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange, two gas arc lamps, at 36-38 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

G. W. Herrick, one unlettered lamp, at 2335 Washington St., Wd. 13.

Dowd Bros., illuminated sign, 25 Howard St., Wd. 8.

Claims.

Charles I. Brooks, for compensation for

damage to wagon by the overhanging bough of a tree, on Brooks St., E. B.

Mary E. Stevens, for compensation for damages to estate on Grotto Glen Road, caused by blasting.

Jacob Schwartz, for compensation for damages sustained by him in the death of his son, occasioned by alleged negligence of servants of the city.

Electric Wires.

George E. Shaddow, for leave to run a private telephone wire over and across Green St., Wd. 8.

Leon L. Maric, for leave to stretch a wire from No. 15 to No. 10, Mansfield St., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect one pole on Austin St., opp. Lynde St., Wd. 5.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect four poles on Central Ave., Wd. 24.

Brookline Gas Light Co. and The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., that the first-named company be allowed to attach wires to two poles of the second-named company on Coolidge St., Wd. 25.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass, viz:—

For leave to erect four poles on Havre St., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect three poles on Cedar St., Wd. 3.

For leave to erect two poles on Bird St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect thirty-six poles on Washington St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect and to remove two poles on Cambridge St., Wd. 25.

For leave to attach wires to five trees on Cedar St., Roxbury.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Frd. E. Love, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of July 14, 1904.

Licenses.

George L. Layman, for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot on Prescott St., for two weeks beginning July 1, 1904.

Boswell F. White, for a license for a musical and dancing entertainment at 13 Melrose St., on Tuesday, June 14, 1904.

Messenger Boys' Union, for a license for a musical and vaudeville entertainment at Partridge Hall, 53 Hanover St., on Monday evening, June 13.

W. E. MacGerigle, for a license for a lawn party on grounds at corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Washington St., on June 17, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Margaret E. Stinson, for the trimming of a tree at 23 Fountain St., Roxbury.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day Expenses, viz: Maj. P. J. Grady Command 189, S. W. V. Boston Post 200, G. A. R.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Co., for location of tracks, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, on Chelsea and Eagle Sts., E. B.

Public Improvements.

P. H. Jackson, for leave to erect one guy post opposite No. 2 Vinson St., Wd. 16.

Carl H. Schlicher, for leave to construct areas with patent sidewalk covers, at 622 Bennington St., and at the corner of Byron St., Wd. 1.

T. J. Billings (two petitions), for leave to remove wooden buildings, viz: one from 1627 to 1611 Blue Hill Ave., and one from 1625 to 1609 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

George A. Carpenter, for leave to construct areas in sidewalk of estate 1-3 West St., and 501-509 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

A. Bilafsky, 98-100 Norway St., and on Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10.

Samuel H. Sullivan, 854-868 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16.

Mrs. A. I. Adams, 41-43 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., for leave to place an iron pipe under and along Washington St., Wd. 24, at the Chocolate Mills.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:

2. Three on Bellevue St., between Kane and Quincy Sts., Wd. 20.

Assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Ald. Hennessey.

3. Five on Ashford St., between Linden and Chester Sts., Wd. 25.

John Quincy Adams, Jr., 19 Ashford St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles on the ground that the street would be defaced.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Frothingham, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Brookline Gas Light Company, that the first-named company be allowed to attach its wires to poles of the second-named company on Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

No objection. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. On the expediency of ordering the relocation of certain poles of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts on Walter St., between Jones and Weld Sts., from the westerly side to the easterly side of said Walter St.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Bromberg, with instructions to give a public hearing.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Sophie M. Hauk, for leave to project one bay window from building 645-7 Broadway, Wd. 14,—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, June 27, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constables' bonds of Joseph A. Langone, and Lawrence J. Kelly.

Approved by the Board.

OPINION CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,
Law Department, 73 Tremont St.,
Boston, June 11, 1904.

The Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen: I understand that the Board desires my opinion as to whether a head of a department appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board can legally continue to hold his office if confirmation is refused, and whether, in the event of such nomination and refusal, an appointment of another person must be made by the Mayor, and I have to say that in my opinion Acts of 1885, Chapter 266, Sections 1 and 4, and Acts of 1890, Chapter 418, Section 1, clearly show—that a head of a department appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board is to remain in office until the Mayor desires to make a change and appoints another person for the office and the Board joins in that desire by confirming the appointment, and—that the Mayor is not required to make an appointment at the end of a term,

or after a refusal of the Board to confirm an appointment, but can refrain therefrom until such time as he desires to make a change.

Respectfully,

Andrew J. Bailey, Corporation Counsel.
Placed on file.

STORAGE AND SALE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on petitions for leave to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving the same, viz.:

J. H. Bailey, 609 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Rosindale Hardware Co., 29 Poplar St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Bresnahan.

The Fire Commissioner submitted a report on the petition of Jeffries Point Yacht Yard and Boat-Building Co. for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at foot of Maverick St., East Boston—disapproving of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on motion of Ald. Quigley.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of Ferd. E. Love (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of July 14, 1904—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual condition.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports on petitions of various persons—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

Joseph Quigley (referred 1902), for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by a wheel of a Fire Department wagon.

Calch Chase (referred 1901), for compensation for damage to carriage caused by a city team.

Margaret T. Linehan, et als. (referred March 28), for compensation for damage to their estate on Columbia Road caused by the construction of said road.

Elbridge Homans, Administrator (referred 1902), for compensation for damage to property at 4 Abbot St., Dorchester, caused by the backing up of sewer.

Frederick E. Kendall (referred 1903), for compensation for damage to property on Mendum St., caused by overflow of surface water from Arnold Arboretum.

Samuel S. Nickerson (referred 1901), for compensation for damage to property at 147 Putnam St., E. Boston, by overflow from sewer.

William H. Green (referred 1902), for compensation for damage to property corner of Phipps and Lawrence Sts., by leak in sewer pipe.

John B. Peel (referred 1901), for compensation for damage to property at 181 Coleridge St., caused by overflow of surface water.

Robert Treat Paine (referred 1903), to be repaid certain sums paid under protest by him for sewer assessments against estate on Harrison Ave.

William F. Nowell (referred 1902), for compensation for damage to property at 192 Merrimac St., caused by overflow of water.

Nathan Lueks (referred 1903), for compensation for injuries to child by city ash cart.

Estate of Edward Richards (referred 1903), for compensation for damage to grain at 1921 Centre St., in the construction of a sewer.

Israel Canner (referred 1902), for compensation for damage to property at 367 Harrison Ave., by overflow from water or sewer pipes.

Accepted. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions recommending that minors' licenses be granted to fifteen newsboys, four boot blacks and five vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses for entertainments at various places—that licenses be granted, viz:—

W. E. MacGerigle, lawn party on grounds corner Blue Hill Ave. and Washington St., on June 17.

Boswell F. White, musical and dancing entertainment at 13 Melrose St., on Tuesday, June 14.

Messenger Boys' Union, musical and vaudeville entertainment at Partridge Hall, 53 Hanover St., on June 13.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of George L. Layman (referred today) for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot on Prescott St., for two weeks, beginning July 1, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted reports recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of June, 1904.

Report accepted. Order passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, June 20, 1904, at 3 P.M., on the petition of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 6), for leave to erect poles in Oak St. and other streets in Wds. 4 and 5.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, June 27, 1904, at 3 P.M., on petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (severally referred June 6), for leave to erect poles as follows:—

Glenarm St., Wd. 20; 6 poles.

Smith St., Wd. 23; 5 poles.

Bentley St., Wd. 25; 5 poles.

Elmore St., Columbus Ave. and Circuit St., Wds. 21 and 22; one pole in each.

Also to attach its fixtures and wires to five trees on G St., Wd. 15.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(3) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 6), for leave to relocate one pole on Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Columbus Ave., near Station St., Wd. 19; 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 15ft.x14in.; width of sidewalk, 12ft.; date of plan, June 4, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Columbus Ave. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and

maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

DECORATION OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That permission be granted to the National Lancers to decorate Faneuil Hall on Tuesday, June 14, 1904.

Passed.

CROSSING, ASHFORD ST., WD. 25.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to provide a crossing of block stone or flagging across Ashford St., at Wadsworth St., Wd. 25, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Street Department, Paving Division.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

DRIVING CLUB PARADE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, on Saturday, June 18, such portions of the following streets as may be needed for the parade of the Boston Gentlemen's Driving Club on that day, viz:—

Commonwealth Ave., to Brighton Ave., to North Beacon St., to Everett St., to Speedway.

Passed.

FIREWORKS ON HOLIDAYS.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the firing of rockets, squibs, crackers, serpents, torpedoes, and similar fireworks be permitted in the public streets, grounds and squares of this city, on Friday, the Seventeenth day of June, and on Monday, the Fourth day of July, between the hours of four o'clock A.M. and twelve o'clock midnight.

Passed.

PENSIONS FOR POLICE SIGNALMEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That Chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of its Police Signal Service," be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

STREET LIGHTS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a sufficient number of street lamps on Greenock St., Wd. 24, to properly light said street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place and maintain a lamp in Tileston Ave., Wd. 25, northerly side, adjoining the Lawrence Farm; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Severally passed.

ARTIFICIAL STONE SIDEWALK.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the School House Commissioners be requested to provide for the construction of an artificial stone sidewalk along the Athelwold and Thane St. sides of the Christopher Gibson Schoolhouse in the Harvard St. District, now under contract for construction, to conform to the sidewalks already constructed by the Street Depart-

ment on the streets in the immediate neighborhood of said school.
Passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF DORIS ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public street Doris St., Wd. 20.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TREES.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate of Edward Corbett, 1962 Dorchester Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of estate 29 Lexington St., Charlestown, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:

Actions on appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

6. Thomas M. Babson, to be Corporation Counsel for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast, 12; yes, 11; nays, 1; and the appointment was confirmed.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:

7. Reginald G. Inge, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation, Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast, 12; yes, 11; nays, 1; and the appointment was confirmed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 4:04 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. Kneeland, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:14 o'clock, P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on orders concerning various streets—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:

Order (referred today) for a crossing of block stone or flagging across Ashford St. at Wadsworth St., Wd. 25.

Order (referred May 23d) to resurface and repair gutters on Covington St.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed.
(2) Report on order (referred June 6) that \$5000 be appropriated for the purpose for furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

(3) Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) relative to exchange of land on line between North Brighton playground and Soldiers' Field—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the message was placed on file and the order was passed in concurrence.

(4) Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 6) that Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1904 be and hereby is accepted—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the order passed in concurrence. Sent down.

(5) Reports on petitions of T. J. Billings (severally referred today) for leave to move wooden buildings—recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits to move said buildings, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:

One from 1627 Blue Hill Ave, along said avenue to a location at or near 1611 Blue Hill Ave, Wd. 24, pitch roof, 30 ft. in length, by 19 ft. in width, by 22 ft. in height.

One from 1625 Blue Hill Ave, along said avenue to a location at or near 1609 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24, hip roof, 36 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 20 ft. in height.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(6) Reports on petitions for leave to erect guy posts in certain streets—authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits to erect, maintain and use the same, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:

P. H. Jackson (referred today), one guy post, in Vinson St., at or nearly opposite No. 2.

W. H. Pike & Sons (referred June 6), one in Reed's Court, two in Ambrose St., and one in Orchard Park St., Wd. 17.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(7) Reports on message and loan order of the Mayor (referred April 18), for \$25,000 for furnishing buildings at Insane Hospital, Austin Farm—that the same be placed on file.

Accepted.

(8) Reports on various petitions received from Fire Commissioner for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—that leave be granted on the usual conditions, viz.:

F. H. Bailey (referred today), 609 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

W. G. Richardson (referred May 23), 11 Birch St., Roslindale.

F. Carleton Dole (referred May 23), 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Egleston Square Hardware and Plumbing Co. (referred May 16), 3105 Washington St., Wd. 22.

Roslindale Hardware Co. (referred today), 29 Poplar St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(9) Reports returning the following appointments (severally referred April 25), to the Board for such action in reference to the confirmation thereof as the Board should consider proper, viz.:

Edmund A. Macdonald, to be City Collector.

William Jackson, to be City Engineer.

Edward W. McGlenen, to be City Registrar.

Hugh Montague, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings.

George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets.

Thomas A. Whalen, to be Superintendent of Printing.

John E. Gilman, to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

Henry B. Lovering, to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke, and Charcoal Measures.

The following named persons to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Coal, Coke, and Charcoal Measures, viz.:

John J. Higgins, William J. Campbell, Jeremiah J. Crowley, Charles Mintz, Daniel J. Moynihan, Jr., John L. Donovan, Jeremiah Brosnahan, John E. Ansell, James H. Connors, Hugh J. Quinn.

All the foregoing to be for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

Edward B. Daily, to be a member of the Board of Assessors.

James Buckner, to be a member of the Board of Assessors.

William P. Fowler, to be an Overseer of the Poor.

Thomas Downey, to be an Overseer of the Poor.

James M. Prendergast, to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Nathaniel J. Rust, to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

George R. Swasey, to be a member of the Board of Appeal.

All the foregoing to be for the term of three years beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

Thomas J. Lane, to be a Bath Trustee.

Albert W. Hersey, to be a Cemetery Trustee.

Alfred De Voto, to be a member of the Board of Music Trustees.

All the foregoing to be for the term of five years beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

On motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, it was voted that the question upon confirmation of all appointments sent back from the committee today be taken by rollcall, and all the above appointments were confirmed by an affirmative vote of thirteen.

(10) Report returning to the Board for its action the appointment of George U. Crocker, to be City Treasurer for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

The question was taken upon confirmation of the appointment, and confirmation was refused, yeas 5, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, Slattery—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

(11) Report returning to the Board for its action the appointment of William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

The question was taken on the confirmation, and, by a vote of 11 yeas to 2 nays, the appointment was confirmed. (Ald. Bresnahan and Quigley voting nay.)

(12) Report returning to the Board for its action the appointment of Henry H. Sprague, to be a Trustee of the City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with the first day of May, 1904.

The question was taken on confirmation, which was refused, yeas 5, nays 8.

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, Slattery—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petition of West End Street Railway Co. (referred today), for location for tracks with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon on Chelsea and Eagle Sts., E. Boston—that an order be passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 11, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of Directors of the New England Railroad Company (referred April 4), for an agreement as to route of branch or extension of said railroad from a point in West Roxbury to the Town of Dedham—that a public hearing has been given by the committee, as instructed by the Board, and recommending the passage of the following:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

City of Boston,

In Board of Aldermen, June 13, 1904.

At a meeting of the Aldermen of the

City of Boston, held at the City Hall in Boston, on the 13th day of June, 1904, it appearing that due notice of the application of the Directors of the New England Railroad Company, presented to the Board March 14, 1904, asking the Mayor and Aldermen to agree with the Directors upon a route of the proposed branch or extension of the road of said company in the Towns of Needham and Dedham in the County of Norfolk and in the city of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and of a hearing thereon April 4, 1904, has been given agreeably to the order of notice required by Statute and made by the Board thereon; and all parties asking to be heard having been fully heard upon such application; and it appearing that the Board of Railroad Commissioners have certified that public convenience and necessity require such branch or extension to be constructed, and this Board having examined the map and profile of the proposed route and the Engineer's report upon the construction of said branch, which have been submitted to them with said petition, all of which, together with the evidence of the publication and posting of said notice, are now on file with the City Clerk.

It is Ordered, that the Mayor and Aldermen do agree with the Directors of the New England Railroad Company upon the route of such proposed branch or extension in the City of Boston, as the same is shown upon said map, and that the Board do sign and give to said Directors a certificate setting forth said route.

The question came on accepting the report and passing the order.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer the following amendment:—

"The foregoing order to take effect only on the condition that the Old Colony Railroad Company assents to the abrogation of the agreement between it and the City of Boston authorized under the provisions of section three, Chapter 519, Acts of 1897, and agrees with all the parties in interest that the cost of abolition of the grade crossing of Dorchester Ave and the Old Colony Railroad in the City of Boston be apportioned in the manner prescribed by the general laws for abolishing grade crossings of railroads and public ways."

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board, I do not object to granting the prayer of the petitioner in this matter if the amendment proposed is adopted. The past attitude of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. towards this city neither deserves nor warrants gratuities or grants to it by the city. At every conceivable opportunity it has fleeced or victimized it. When the history of the South Terminal shall be fully written I doubt not that the truth, then disclosed, will show that Boston's contribution to that enterprise was enormous in amount.

For many years public safety required the abolition of a very dangerous grade crossing on Dorchester Ave. What was the position of this corporation when confronted with this important public necessity? Did it readily consent to join with the city under the provisions of a general law in the undertaking? No. On the other hand it arbitrarily declined and only yielded after it had, by authority of the legislature of 1897, obtained an agreement from the city fixing the maximum cost to the railroad corporation at about one-half the sum it would have been under the grade crossing act. When the Board of Aldermen of 1903 was asked to authorize the issue of bonds to provide for the payment of the amount ascertained to be due under the agreement between the city and the railroad it refused, and the matter is now pending before the courts, the corporation having brought suit against the city.

The effect of this action has been to tie up the sum of about \$700,000. In other words the borrowing capacity of the city has a lien upon it to this amount. Whether

the city will finally be compelled to pay this enormous sum is not yet determined. That it never should have made any such contract with the railroad all will admit. That the railroad corporation should have secured the services of its ally, the legislature of Massachusetts, to enforce any such condition was against public policy and wholly contrary to the friendly course pursued by the city in its relations with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. For the past two years urgent public necessities have had to be abandoned because of the lien the railroad holds upon the borrowing capacity of the city. Necessary bathing facilities in different sections of the city have been denied the people and other public improvements have had to be postponed indefinitely. I question whether the branch or extension asked for by the railroad, and which is now before us, is of as much interest to the citizens of Boston as it is to those who reside in Needham and Dedham, but in any event I do not believe that this Board, having the power, should neglect this opportunity of forcing the railroad to loosen its clutches on the city's throat. The interests and general health and welfare of the people of this city are paramount to any interests of any other corporation whether of a public service character or not. That the Dorchester Ave. grade crossing should have been eliminated under the provisions of the grade crossing act of 1889 admits of no question. It is not too late for the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. to show that it possesses, if not a soul, at least some small measure of public spirit. If this amendment passes, the railroad will get all that it is entitled to, and the attempt to unwarrantably deplete the city's finances will be stopped.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board of Aldermen, every member of this Board has in mind some much-needed improvement for the district he represents. I know we are all supposed to represent the city at large, and we do so to the best of our ability; but we all cherish some little fond hope for the respective wards from which we come. I have myself, thanks to the help of other members of the Board, obtained an appropriation of \$300,000 for a playground for my ward, as I would like to call it. I have another \$100,000 yet to obtain before that playground can be completed. Speaking for the section of the city I represent, I enter my protest here when I see an opportunity, a golden opportunity to my way of thinking, being allowed to slip by. The railroad will be only too ready and willing to accept the conditions, if that amendment is adopted here today. Mr. Chairman, I hope the members of the Board will see their way clear to vote for it.

Ald. BRESNAHAN in the Chair.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in view of the, to my mind, rather strong argument advanced in favor of the amendment, and in view also of the limited knowledge possessed by the average member of the Board as to the merits and the importance of the amendment, I would at this time move reference of the entire matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to oppose reference of this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements. The gentleman from Wd. 17 says that he has a very limited knowledge of the question before the Board at this time. I want to say to him that this matter was presented to the Board for its consideration last March. I believe the Committee on Railroads have given the Board a larger privilege with reference to this legislation than has been given or could be given by any Committee on Railroads of which I was ever a member. I did not come here this

afternoon with a prepared speech to tell the members of the Board why they should grant this petition, but I simply desire to present to the Board a few facts with reference to the petition. This petition, as I have said before, was presented to this Board for its consideration last March. It was referred in the usual way to the Committee on Railroads. The Committee gave two hearings at which no one was present in opposition to the granting of the petition. There was absolutely no opposition to it from those who are most interested in it, those whose land is to be taken, and those people through whose territory the railroad is to run. They, I believe, are the ones to oppose it, if anybody, and we did not hear from one of them in opposition. Consequently, the Committee on Railroads felt—in view of the fact that there was no opposition, but that, on the contrary, everybody in that section of the City who was to be benefited by the running of the railroad through that territory came down here and agreed to it—that it was a proper thing for us to grant and that it would be a good thing for that section of the City; that it would shorten by several minutes the schedule time of trains between Boston and New York, and would open up a large amount of territory which is now practically waste land. The Committee on Railroads, further, referred the matter to the entire Board. The entire Board of Aldermen went there and inspected the premises some time ago—I believe a week ago last Thursday. The members, I believe, ought to have their minds made up at this time as to whether or not they desire to grant this petition, acting upon it today. So far as I am concerned, I hope the matter will be acted upon today one way or the other; and, until such time as the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements is settled, I shall be content to say no more. I certainly hope that reference to the Committee on Public Improvements will not prevail.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have no objection to the Board taking action upon the original order today, and were action to be taken upon the original order, I should be prepared to vote upon it today. But this is an important amendment, reading, as it does, that the foregoing order is "to take effect only on the condition that the Old Colony Railroad Company assents to the abrogation of the agreement between it and the City of Boston authorized under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 513, Acts of 1897, and agrees with all the parties in interest that the cost of abolition of the grade crossing of Dorchester Ave. and the Old Colony Railroad in the City of Boston be apportioned in the manner prescribed by the General Laws for abolishing grade crossings of railroads and public ways."

If I remember rightly, the railroads are obliged to stand about 65 per cent. of the total cost of building bridges over grade crossings, and the other thirty-five per cent. is divided between the City and the State. Sixty-five per cent. of that portion that the city is obliged to pay for the taking of the Old Colony Railroad would mean considerable money to the City of Boston. In my opinion, it would mean a saving to the city of somewhere in the vicinity of, perhaps, \$150,000 or \$200,000, or possibly more. Every member of this Board is fully aware of the financial condition of the city at the present time, and knows that men are being laid off in the various departments because of lack of funds; that necessary improvements, as the gentleman from Wd. 9 has pointed out, are being denied the people of different sections of the city because of the city's financial condition. In view of those facts, in view of the fact that it means perhaps a net gain to the treasury of the city of Boston of \$150,000 or \$200,000 or more, I think

it is a sufficiently weighty question for this Board to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements, and to consider for at least one week.

The matter was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. Ald. Doyle doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was carried, yeas 7, nays 6.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Hennessey, Kneeland, Quigley, Whelton—7. Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Frothingham, O'Toole, Slattery—6.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration, hoping it will not prevail.

The CHAIR—As the matter has been referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, I think the motion is altogether unnecessary.

Chairman DOYLE in the Chair.

CLOSING OF CRAWFORD ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Crawford St., between Walnut Ave. and Harold St., Wd. 21, to public travel for a period of thirty days, or during the construction of sewerage works in said street.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROBERT ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put in proper condition that portion of Robert St., in Wd. 23, between the southerly line of Robert St. and South Walter St., and the new line of Robert St. as now extended to South Walter St., being the area of land between the estates of Johanna Maney and Michael F. Micharty; the cost of said work to be charged to the appropriation for street construction.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF BODIES OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Trustees of the City Hospital, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board what objection, if any, would exist to extending the hours during which the removal of the bodies of deceased patients is allowed, as the present rule is a hardship in some cases and necessitates the detention of bodies in some instances for a period of over twenty hours.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, in relation to that order I desire to state that the rule which prevails at the present time at the City Hospital is a hardship both to the relatives of those dying at the hospital and to the undertakers who have been called in by the family to make arrangements for the burial. As I understand the conditions which prevail at the hospital at present, bodies must lie in the morgue after death for a period of at least six hours, so that if a person dies at one minute past twelve it will be one

minute past six before the undertaker calls to take the body to the home of the family. The result is, the morgue closing at six o'clock, that the body sometimes has to remain there until 10 o'clock the next morning, when the morgue is opened again. I think the City Hospital Trustees ought to look a little into this matter with a view to accommodating the relatives of the poor people who die at the City Hospital, seeing if they cannot make some arrangement so that the bodies can be removed at a more reasonable time after death, so that the family of the deceased can get the remains, particularly where they are to go to other cities and towns, to the train in time, without waiting until the next day. I hope the order will pass and that the Trustees will take some action.

The order was passed.

REPORT ON STATISTICS DEPT.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report on or before July 1 on the ordinance for the abolition of the Statistics Department referred May 5, 1904.

Passed. Sent down.

WOODEN BUILDING, SUMNER ST.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the John Morrison Co. (referred May 23), for leave to build a wooden building—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Inspector of Buildings be authorized to issue a permit to the John Morrison Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Sumner St., corner Border St., Wd. 2, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Department for the Inspection of Buildings; said building to be occupied for a coal pocket.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

PROJECTION OF SIGNS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions for signs—that leave be granted, viz.:—

W. J. Anderson (referred May 16), illuminated sign, 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12.

James H. Griffin (referred June 6), electric sign, 115 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BOWEN moved to reconsider the action taken on all reports, orders, petitions, etc., submitted today, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

Lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, at 6.58 P.M., to meet on Monday, June 20, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, June 20, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman DOYLE presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:—

Five grand jurors, U. S. District Court, June 30:

William J. Watkins, Wd. 1; Charles H. Bayley, Wd. 11; Patrick J. Curley, Wd. 17; Claude L. Howes, Wd. 10; Hiram Whittington, Wd. 11.

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, July 5:—

William Malloy, Wd. 19; Warren C. Hallet, Wd. 10; Patrick Brodie, Wd. 14; Charles W. Bradley, Wd. 19; William F. Donoghue, Wd. 15; Thomas J. Eaton, Wd. 17; Herbert F. Sollis, Wd. 19; Patrick Burns, Wd. 16; John F. Hennessey, Wd. 3; Patrick Fitzgerald, Wd. 4; Melvin W. Kenney, Wd. 20; William J. Rogers, Wd. 3; John Keenan, Wd. 12; Loring L. Wilder, Wd. 25; Ernest C. Thompson, Wd. 19; Herbert C. Soulis, Wd. 12; John G. Schuler, Wd. 19; John J. Shaughnessey, Wd. 14; Thomas Wright, Jr., Wd. 24; Elmer E. Mechan, Wd. 4; Augustus Smith, Wd. 25; George A. Carpenter, Wd. 12.

Thirty-five additional traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, June 23:—

Stephen W. Faulkner, Wd. 22; John J. Loughan, Wd. 23; John H. Meehan, Wd. 3; Frederick A. Moulton, Wd. 3; James N. Muldoon, Wd. 19; Chas. J. Reiser, Wd. 24; John D. McCarthy, Wd. 21; David Weld, Wd. 23; Maurice J. McCarthy, Wd. 9; George E. Smalley, Wd. 20; Bryan Kelly, Wd. 5; Alexander McGregor, Wd. 12; Arthur E. Paul, Wd. 17; John McMorro, Wd. 22; Charles D. Barnes, Wd. 24; Adolph F. Sharp, Wd. 22; Charles E. McCarthy, Wd. 12; Timothy J. Driscoll, Wd. 3; Daniel McGuigan, Wd. 4; Charles D. Celeste, Wd. 8; Samuel D. Anderson, Wd. 1; Wilbur F. Bixby, Wd. 10; Albert W. Damon, Wd. 22; George R. Seymour, Wd. 5; Thomas J. Donahue, Wd. 13; Frederick J. White, Wd. 25; James D. Daly, Wd. 13; Edmund M. Stanton, Wd. 19; Thomas A. McLaughlin, Wd. 22; Warren H. Waitt, Wd. 18; John J. Green, Wd. 5; John F. Powers, Wd. 17; Jeremiah Mahoney, Wd. 11; Thomas W. Lee, Wd. 1; Alfred W. Otis, Wd. 1.

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, July 11:—

William F. Fenton, Wd. 13; Alva E. Poole, Wd. 8; Michael M. Carlin, Wd. 7; James J. Curtis, Wd. 3; Morris Powers, Wd. 20; Edward O. Skelton, Wd. 20; Frederick W. Dickinson, Wd. 10; Barnabas C. Higgins, Wd. 11; Robinson Fairbanks, Wd. 21; Frederick H. Smith, Wd. 20; Nathaniel Wade, Wd. 20; John Havlin, Wd. 2; Samuel H. Wise, Wd. 14; William J. Walsh, Wd. 2; John J. Smith, Wd. 9; Henry A. Dunshee, Wd. 9; William W. Taylor, Wd. 25; William Wallace, Wd. 18; Herbert E. Irving, Wd. 9; Thomas J. McCahe, Wd. 21; Frederick A. Gunnison, Wd. 10; Charles E. Spear, Wd. 16; Owen Larkin, Wd. 2; Francis White, Wd. 20; James G. Baldwin, Wd. 10; Dennis W. Haggerty, Wd. 10; Jacob Jacobs, Wd. 21; Augustus Bacon, Wd. 21; John J. Vortisch, Wd. 20; James F. Morgan, Wd. 9; John H. Lawless, Wd. 9; William Hoyle, Wd. 1; William H. Claffin, Wd. 11; George Noyes Marston,

Wd. 25; David W. Simpson, Wd. 1; George A. Cowdon, Wd. 22.

POLES IN BELLEVUE STREET.

Ald. HENNESSEY, under a suspension of the rule, called up No. 4, special assignment, vi.:—

4. Hearing on petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect three poles on Bellevue St., between Kane and Quincy Sts., Wd. 20.

H. E. Bolles, for himself, Edmund S. Brigham, Carrie M. Burdick, W. T. McKechnie, Sarah D. Baker, Charles H. Delano and others, property owners on Bellevue St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition. He said that every neighbor on the street but one, wishing a telephone, were opposed to the erection of these poles, and that that one is already accommodated by a wire passing through a tree; that if the erection of poles is considered necessary for that telephone, what is desired can be accomplished by one pole on an adjoining street in place of the three asked for.

A written remonstrance against granting the petition was received from property owners on the street.

No other objections. Recommended, with the remonstrance, to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, with instructions to give a public hearing.

FIREMEN—DAYS ALLOWED OFF.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,

June 16, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I have the honor to inform you that, in present circumstances, I am compelled to refuse my approval of a proposed ordinance passed by you June 2nd, current, "to establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department."

It is but just to you, to the firemen and to the public, that some of the reasons for non-concurrence in your action should be given.

At present there are 740 permanent men in the Fire Department, who, in addition to sick leave and other vacation time, are allowed one entire day off in every eight. This arrangement leaves 648 men on duty and 92 men off duty every day. To insure 648 men on duty, giving the whole force one day off duty in every five, will require 70 additional men. To pay 70 more firemen, at the present rate of compensation, will call for \$56,700 the first year, \$66,500 the second, \$73,500 the third, \$80,500 the fourth and \$84,000 the fifth year. There are not, as you must be aware, any such sums, or indeed any money at all, available now, or likely to become available in the near future to provide for any such increase. All the estimated income of the City was appropriated last March, and all the income of the City for years to come will, in my judgment, be needed to meet the obligations of the City on the present established basis.

If you glance at the appropriation bill of this year you will see that no other department can contribute, by transfer, money to increase the payroll of the Fire Department, and the Reserve Fund was reduced by you some 25 per cent. from my conservative estimate. It follows, therefore, that the Fire Department (getting now, and to get hereafter what the City can afford, and no more) must live within its appropriation, and that the men, if given more time away from duty,—thereby increasing the number on the payroll,—must take less pay for less duty rendered. This would mean, of course, a reduction of about \$100 a year in the salary of each man. Doubtless the men themselves, and those who agitated for the passage of the act and the proposed ordinance, did not consider this aspect of the case or the

financial condition of the City; but I am bound to do so, and to set out the rule and actual facts. I know it is contended that the granting of one day off in five instead of one day off in eight would not result in the indicated increase of force; but this contention is supported only by the persons interested, or their enthusiastic non-expert friends, and I reach my conclusions upon a close study of the whole problem, aided by the judgment of the men responsible for the fire safety of the City and the efficiency of the Department.

A little more consideration of this subject, with minds freed from illusions and self-interest, will give us all a clearer view of the situation, and perhaps, also, a clearer sense of our relation and duty to the taxpayers.

Then, also, it is well to remember that, taking all the great cities of the Union for comparison, Boston today is the most generous of all to the members of the Fire Department, considering the rate of compensation, the days off duty and the number of men on the force.

Just now, when in the industrial and commercial world a depression exists and a more serious one threatens, is hardly the time to increase the cost of government to our people; but it is a good time for all men on our City payrolls to stop brooding over imaginary grievances or bewailing their lot.

I should like to make all men in this world happier; I should like to please all men by bettering their conditions; but I lack the wand of a wizard and the City has not the purse of Fortunatus. Let us see things as they are. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

The communication was ordered sent down.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, the passage of the ordinance, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will have to state to the Alderman from Wd. 23 that he does not consider this in the nature of a veto; and that the Mayor not having returned the ordinance, the Chair does not consider that there is any ordinance before us which can be acted upon.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say that it is a question upon which lawyers disagree as to whether the Mayor has returned a veto message, or has returned a message in non-concurrence, and for that reason I offer the motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the motion is not in order, and the Chair cannot put a motion which is not in order. The Mayor has not returned the ordinance, and consequently there is no ordinance before the Board to act upon. There are other things which the gentleman can do at a later stage, and the Chair will be happy at any time to help him to do the thing which he is trying to do now.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
June 20, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Thomas F. Doherty (66 Paris St.), William B. Handy (585 Tremont St.), James J. McNamee (10 Sargent St.), Ludwig Ostermeyer (75 Circuit St.), and James E. Powers (63 Etna St.), Constables of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

REMOVAL OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 20, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day removed Thomas F. Griffin, John S. Harkin, William A. McGonigle, Henry W.

Shepard, Charles F. Taylor and Frederic S. Walker from the office of Constable of the City of Boston; each of the said removals being for the reason that the person named had not filed the bond which he is required by law to furnish.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor's office,

Boston, Mass., June 20, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Charles H. Dalton (33 Commonwealth Avenue), Thomas J. Gargan (14 Brimmer Street) and George F. Swain (435 Marlborough Street), members of the Boston Transit Commission, under the provisions of Stat. 1894, Chap. 548, and Stat. 1902, Chap. 534, for the term ending on the first day of July, 1906.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND—IMPROVEMENT OF.

The following was received:—

Mayor's office,

Boston, Mass., June 20, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting that the Savin Hill Playground be put in condition for use.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Park Department.
Boston, June 17th, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall,
Boston.

Dear Sir: We duly received from the Board of Aldermen and considered a request to put the Savin Hill Playground into condition so that it can be used, but we regret to say we have no funds which we can apply to this purpose.

We estimate the cost of filling and draining the Savin Hill Playground in order to make it available for play at \$13,650. This estimate is for the cost of supplying the filling by teams, and not by dredging from the bay, but we do not advocate this plan, as under it the playground would be filled to a low grade only and the dam to prevent the water from flowing in would require frequent repairs.

We believe that the playground should be filled by dredging from the bay in front of the playground. This would deepen the water in front of the playground, and, at the same time, fill the playground to elevation fifteen. With the cost of surfacing, our estimate of the entire cost under this plan is \$20,200. This plan would greatly reduce the future expence of maintenance.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of John J. Williams for leave to project a balcony from building on Bowen St., rear 96 W. Sixth St., Wd. 13. No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles for electric wires in Charlestown, viz.:—

One on Oak St. near Main St., one on Eden St. near Main St., one on Sullivan St. near Main St., one on Salem St. near Main St., one on Essex St. near Hancock Sq., one on South Eden St. near Hancock Sq., one on Lincoln St. near Main St., one on Dunstable St. near Main St., one on Stacey St. near Main St., one on Miller St. near Main St., one on Chapman St. near Main St., one on Union St. near Main St., and two on Harvard St. near Main St.

Referred to the Committee on Electric

Wires, on motion of Ald. Quigley, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 3, unfinished business, viz:—

3. Action on the appointment of Albert R. Glover to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Quigley and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast 12. Yes 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Patrick J. Daly & Co., an illuminated sign, at 44 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Patrick J. Daly & Co., an illuminated sign, at 15 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Regal Shoe Co., an electric sign, at 248 Washington St., Wd. 6.

W. G. Russell, an illuminated sign, at 10 Marshall st., Wd. 6.

William McNamara, a sign, at 17 Broadway extension, Wd. 7.

William A. Miller, an illuminated sign, at 3770 Washington St., Wd. 23.

Claims.

Petitions for compensation for various causes, viz:—

Hiram Allen, hearing on claim of account of injuries received by him caused by an alleged defect at 47 Court St.

Jeanette Vennell, compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect at 515 Mass. Ave.

Mary V. Flynn, compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Paris St., E. B.

John Williams, to be paid for damages to his stock by alleged negligent construction of sewer at 59 Endicott St.

Philip J. Murphy, for compensation for injuries to his child caused by her being struck by a tool of an employee of the Fire Department.

Electric Wires.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect five lamp posts and four terminal posts, for use of the Fire Alarm branch,—at corner of Cedar and Thornton Sts., and at other locations.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz:—

For leave to erect and to remove three poles on Pequot Street, Wd. 19.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Blue Hill Avenue, Wd. 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co., to erect and to remove 17 poles on Washington Street, Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Socialist Club of Boston, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of June 24.

Licenses.

George L. Layman, for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on lot on Norfolk Avenue, corner of Langdon Street, for two weeks beginning June 20, 1904.

Carney Hospital committee for license for lawn party on grounds of Carney Hospital, S. B., Thursday evening, June 23.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses, viz:—

Peter Salem Garrison No. 16, A. and N. U.;

Friedrich Hecker Post 21, G. A. R.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

James A. Kenfield, Agent, to construct and use bulkhead 172-3 State Street, Wd. 6.

George W. Wheeler, to construct a coal hole opening at 50-8 High Street, Wd. 7.

G. B. H. Macomber Co., to erect guy

posts on Federal, Milk and Congress Streets, Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz:—

Charlotte A. Jones, 89 Auckland Street, Wd. 20.

William F. Bryan, 85 Auckland Street, Wd. 20.

Brummett & Starrett, 61 Dix Street, Wd. 24.

Ada J. Hayden, 43-45 Vale Street, Wd. 16.

H. K. Wing, 119-123 Causeway Street, Wd. 6.

Thos. F. Plant Co., corner Centre and Bickford Streets, Wd. 22.

Railroads.

Petitions of West End Street Railway Company for locations and the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, viz:—

Curves and tracks on Broadway and Dorchester Street, South Boston.

Additional track and curves on Braintree Street, Wd. 25.

Double curves at junction Brighton and Harvard Avenues.

Same company, for extension of time in which to locate tracks on Wilton and Braintree Streets, Wd. 25.

STONE SIDEWALK, CHRISTOPHER GIBSON SCHOOLHOUSE.

The following was received:—

City of Boston,

Schoolhouse Department,

June 16, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen, City of Boston:—

I am directed by the Schoolhouse Commissioners to reply to the order passed by your Board on June 13, 1904, namely:—

Ordered—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners be requested to provide for the construction of an artificial stone sidewalk along the Athelwold and Thane Street sides of the Christopher Gibson Schoolhouse in the Harvard Street District, now under contract for construction, to conform to the sidewalks already constructed by the Street Department on the streets in the immediate neighborhood of said school.

In behalf of the Commissioners I would say that they have asked for bids to make the change in the sidewalks as requested by the above order. I am,

Respectfully yours,
H. B. Fisher, Secretary.

Placed on file.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Bridget Kenny, to project one bay window from building 121 Vernon Street, Wd. 18, an order of notice was passed for a hearing on Monday, July 11, at 3 P. M., to consider the expediency of granting the prayer of the petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of the Socialist Club of Boston (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of June 24—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, June 27, 1904, at one P. M., on the petition of the Brookline Gas Light Co. and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 13), that the first-named Company be allowed to attach wires to two poles of the second-named Company on Coolidge Street, Wd. 25.

Report accepted; order of notice passed,

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, July 11, 1904, at three P. M. on the following petitions:—

Fire Commissioner (referred June 20) for leave to erect five lamp posts and four terminal posts at corner Seaver and Thornton Streets, and in other locations.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (severally referred June 13), for leave to erect poles as follows:—

Three poles in Cedar Street, Wd. 3.

Four poles in Havre Street, Wd. 2.

Two poles in Bird Street, Wd. 20.

Thirty-six poles in Washington Street, Wd. 20.

Petition of same Company (referred June 13), for leave to attach wires to five trees on Cedar Street, Roxbury.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (severally referred June 6), leave to erect poles as follows:—

One pole on Elmwood St., corner Texas St., Wd. 19.

Two poles on Eutaw St., between Marion and Brooks Sts., Wd. 1.

Two poles on Church St., Wd. 20.

Four poles in Central Ave., Wd. 24.

Petition of same Company, for leave to erect 16 poles on Bennington St., and to remove four poles from Bennington St. and one from Walley St., Wd. 1.

Petition of The Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred June 13), for leave to erect one pole on Austin St., opposite Lynde St., Wd. 5.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

(3) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (recommitted June 13), for leave to erect five poles in Ashford St., Wd. 25—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

(4) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 13), for leave to attach wires to poles of the Brookline Gas Light Co.—recommending the passage of the following.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow the attachment of, and to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach, the wires of said telephone company to three poles of said gas light company on Oak Sq. Ave., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by white dots on a plan dated April 30, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the same Company (referred June 6), for leave to attach wires to a tree on Sixth St.—recommending the passage of the following.

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to attach, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter three of the Ordinances of 1898, its wires to a tree on Sixth St., corner of I St., Wd. 14, shown on a plan dated April 28, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the same Company (referred May 9), for leave to relocate a pole on Western Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Western Ave., near Everett St., Wd. 25, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 10ft.; date of plan, June 6, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Western

Ave. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Report on the petition of the same Company (referred today) for leave to relocate a pole on Blue Hill Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Blue Hill Ave., near Elmo St., Wd. 20, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x14in.; date of plan, June 14, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Blue Hill Ave. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(8) Report on the petition of the same Company (referred June 6), for leave to relocate a pole on Massachusetts Ave.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Massachusetts Ave., near Graham St., Wd. 16, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; date of plan, May 25, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Massachusetts Ave. one pole shown by a red cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on the petition of the same Company (recommitted June 16), for leave to erect four poles on Hutchings St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Hutchings St., between Humboldt Ave. and Harold St., Wd. 21, 4 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, May 3, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions

specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(10) Report on the petition of the same Company (referred June 13) for leave to relocate two poles on Cambridge St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Cambridge St., near Charles River, Wd. 25; 2 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 10ft.; date of plan, June 6, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Cambridge St. two poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(11) Report on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (recommitted May 10), for leave to erect poles on South St., Wd. 23,—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

South St. between Walk Hill St. and Bussey St., Wd. 23; 8 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40ft.x14in.; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; date of plan, April 6, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(12) Report on the petition of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. (referred last year), for leave to transfer certain poles to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That permission be granted to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. to transfer to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. six poles on Front Street, nine poles on Lynde Street, and three poles on Chapman Street, Wd. 5, shown on a plan dated December 4, 1903, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and the locations as shown on said plan are hereby granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company.

Report accepted; order passed.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted reports on petitions of West End Street Railway Co. (severally referred today) for locations, etc.,—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, July 11, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties ob-

jecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

Location for an additional track and curve on Braintree Street, Wd. 25, with the right to use the overhead trolley system of motive power on same.

Locations for double curves at junction of Brighton and Harvard Avenues, with the right to use the overhead electric system on same.

Location for curves and tracks on Broadway and Dorchester Street, South Boston, with right to use the overhead electric system on same.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to seven newsboys, one bootblack and three vendors.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending that licenses be granted, as follows:—

Carney Hospital Committee, for a lawn party on grounds of the Carney Hospital, South Boston, Thursday evening, June 23.

George L. Layman, for a merry-go-round and swings on lot on Norfolk Avenue, corner Langdon Street, for two weeks beginning June 20, 1904.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

William McNamara (referred today), to project a sign at 17 Broadway Extension, Wd. 7.

Wolf Kelfer (referred June 13), to project two barber poles at 36 Wall St., Wd. 8.

Turner Centre Dairying Association (referred June 13), to project a V-shaped sign at 33 Fulton St., Wd. 6.

Wah Lee (referred June 13), to project a sign at 10 Charter St., Wd. 6.

Dennis J. O'Brien (referred June 13), to project a V-shaped sign at 19 Allston St., Wd. 6.

Louis Vatts (referred June 6), to project a sign at 352 Washington St., Wd. 25.

Sam Rusidsky (referred June 6), to project a sign at 2-4 Salem St., Wd. 6.

National Coal Tar Co. (referred June 6), to project a drum sign at 297 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

Louis Blangard (referred June 6), to project a sign at 691 Washington St., Wd. 7.

William H. Murphy (referred June 6), to project two signs at 9 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Fred L. Taylor (referred June 6), to project a sign at 30 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Joseph M. Duffy & Co. (referred June 6), to project an illuminated sign at 178 W. Fourth St., Wd. 13.

F. H. Dow & Co. (referred June 6), to project a sign at 41 South Market St., Wd. 6.

J. Solomon (referred June 6), to project a sign at 2688 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Joseph Golub (referred June 13), to project a sign at 10 Spring St., Wd. 8.

Alfred Sears & Co. (referred Feb. 20), permanent awning, 3 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6 (said awning to be suspended from the building and not supported by posts).

William H. McNerney (referred April 18), illuminated sign, 34 Brattle St., and 1 Franklin Ave., Wd. 6.

Thos. J. McMahon (referred June 6), 1 bay window, 197 E St., Wd. 15.

Frank Turnbull (referred June 6), 1 bay window and a cornice, 26 Marion St., Wd. 3.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VETERAN
FIREMEN.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees who are members of the Charlestown Veteran Firemen's Association leave of absence, without loss of pay, from September 26 to October 1, 1904, inclusive, on the occasion of the visit of the association to Philadelphia.

Passed. Sent down.

SETTEES FOR CHARLESTOWN TRAIN-
ING FIELD.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a sufficient number of settees on the Training Field, Charlestown.

Passed. Sent down.

LAMPS, ETC.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to erect and maintain an arc light at the corner of Roy Street and Chestnut Avenue, Wd. 22; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp at 660 Broadway, South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ON SOUTH ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to build a brick sidewalk on the southerly side of the Roslindale branch of the Public Library, South St., Wd. 23.

Passed.

SALE OF OLD HIGHLAND CLUB-
HOUSE.

Ald. BROMBERG offered the following:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that the Old Highland Clubhouse, Wd. 23, should not be offered for sale, as said building and property could be used as a site for a municipal or other city building to the great convenience and advantage of the residents of that locality.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF RIVER ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on River St., between Mattapan Sq. and Fremont St., Wd. 24, to public travel, for a period of thirty days, or during necessary sewerage construction at said point.

Passed.

TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of estate of M. A. Eager, 538 East Eighth St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds department.

Passed.

RECESS.

The members took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, on motion of Ald. Quigley, at 4.39 P.M.

They reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5.56 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto, as follows:—

The Walter Baker & Co., Ltd. (referred June 13), to construct, maintain and use an iron conduit 200 feet long, 6 feet wide, 6 feet 6 inches deep, in and under Washington St., Wd. 24, as shown on a plan dated May 25, 1904, and placed on file in the Permit Office of the Street Department; said conduit to be used to connect buildings owned by the said Company on opposite sides of said street, and to contain the necessary pipes and wires for power, lighting and heating purposes.

G. B. H. Macomber Co. (referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached in and over the following streets:—

One in front of 15 Federal St.; one in front of The Equitable Building, on Congress St.; one in front of Post Office Building on Congress St.; one in front of 130 Congress St.; one in front of 136 Congress St.; one in Federal St., at the Equitable Building, for use during the erection of a building on the corner of Federal and Milk Sts., Wd. 7.

George W. Wheeler (referred today), to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk in front of estate 50 to 58 High St., Wd. 7, the present opening in front of 52 to be closed up.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks in front of estates, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, as follows:—

M. A. Foley Estate (referred June 6), 13-15-17 Brookford St., Wd. 16, brick.

William H. Brunnings (referred June 6), 705 East Second St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

Julia Nopper (referred June 6), 707 East Second St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

A. Bilasky (referred June 13), 98-100 Norway St. and on Bickerstaff St., Wd. 10, brick.

James P. Magenis (referred June 6), 190 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. George Phillips (referred June 6), 1-9 Cedar St., Wd. 24, gravel, with granite edgestone.

Charles W. Rogers (referred June 6), 165 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Edwin M. Hahn (referred June 6), 161 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. A. I. Adams (referred June 13), 41-43 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Willard A. Paul (referred June 6), 157 Harvard St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

John Doherty (referred June 6), 73 Causeway St., Wd. 8, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

C. E. Cotting (referred May 23), 20 Court St., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

A. Tomfohrde (referred May 23), 45-51 Court St., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Boston Wharf Co. (referred June 6), Dwinell-Wright Building, Summer St. Extension, Wd. 13, artificial stone.

D. C. Hinton (referred May 23), 6-10 East

Cottage St., Wd. 16, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Samuel H. Sullivan (referred June 13). 854-868 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Cyrus W. Cole (referred June 6). 25 Rockwell St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Michael Kelley (referred June 6). 27 Rockwell St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Sarah F. Sanford (referred June 6). 53 Rockwell St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Magdalena Bohndell (referred June 6). 232-234 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

W. S. Hennessey, Jr. (referred June 6). 23 Dix St., Wd. 24, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Boyd & Berry (referred June 6). 951-961 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Thos. G. Plant Co. (referred June 20). corner Centre and Bickford Sts., Wd. 22; brick.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (referred April 11), recommending that leave be granted on the usual conditions:—

F. Preston, to project an illuminated sign at 402 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

National Drug Co., to project an illuminated mortar sign at 117 Salem St., Wd. 6.

M. M. Mugar, to project an illuminated sign at 1747 Washington St., Wd. 12.

D. W. Estabrook, to project an illuminated sign at 41 Union St., Wd. 6.

Jacob J. Fewes, to project an illuminated sign at 325 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Falk & Nathan Cigar Co., to project an electric sign at 55 Court St., Wd. 7.

Harris Bros., to project an illuminated sign at 702 Columbia Road, Wd. 20.

The Ginter Grocery Co., to project an illuminated sign at 161 Summer St., Wd. 7.

L. Gordon, to project an illuminated sign at 42½ Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Henry Huber & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 309-315 Roxbury St., Wd. 19.

Housman & Co., to project an electric sign at 24 Avery St., Wd. 7.

H. B. Woodward & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 39 West St., Wd. 7.

Max Wagner, to project an illuminated sign at 9 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Lewis Witte, to project an electric sign at 3 School St., Wd. 6.

Benjamin Piscopo, to project an illuminated sign at 34 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

Royal Restaurant, to project an illuminated sign at 19 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Morris T. Romanow, to project an illuminated sign at 238 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Smith & Smullen Co., to project an illuminated sign at 16 Summer St., Wd. 7.

James H. Senole, to project an electric sign at 26 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Locke & Smith, to project an illuminated sign at 50 Temple Place, Wd. 7.

King & Stephen, to project an electric sign at 719 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

J. B. Hunter & Co., to project an electric sign at 60 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Max Barnett, to project an illuminated sign at 20 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

E. M. Baker, to project an illuminated sign at 17 Union St., Wd. 6.

Will Armstrong, to project an illuminated sign at 1 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:—

Antonio Giordano (referred Jan. 18), to place a barber pole on sidewalk at 677 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

Thomas F. Killen (referred March 14), to place a barber pole on sidewalk against

building at 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18.

Abe Brest (referred March 28), to place a sign on a tree at 38 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the Mayor's nomination of James Mulcahy to be Building Commissioner for three years, beginning May 1, 1904,—recommending the same to the Board for its action.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation. On motion of Ald. Whelton, it was voted that the question be taken by rollcall, and the appointment was confirmed, yeas 13.

(6) Report on the Mayor's appointment of Josiah H. Benton, Jr., to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1904,—returning the same to the Board for its action.

The report was accepted, and on motion of Ald. Whelton it was voted that the question of confirmation be taken by rollcall.

The appointment of Mr. Benton was confirmed, yeas 13.

(7) Report on the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Sproules, to be an Overseer of the Poor for three years, beginning May 1, 1904, returning the same to the Board for its action.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, the appointment was confirmed by rollcall, yeas 13.

VACATIONS FOR REGISTRY CLERKS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That until otherwise ordered, the Register of Deeds be authorized to allow the clerks in his office two weeks vacation in each year, without loss of pay, in part compensation for their services.

Passed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Corporation Council be requested to inform this Board whether or not, in his opinion, the City Council has the right to pass, notwithstanding the disapproval of the Mayor, the ordinance granting one day's leave of absence in five to the members of the Fire Department, the said ordinance having been passed by the Board of Aldermen May 23, 1904, and by the Common Council June 2, 1904; and whether or not if the ordinance should be passed over the veto of the Mayor it would be legal.

Passed.

NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday June 27, 1904, at one o'clock P.M., and that hearings assigned for three o'clock on that day be held at one o'clock accordingly.

Passed.

ORCHARD PARK SWIMMING POOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to discontinue the use of the swimming pool at Orchard Park, Wd. 17.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to fill in and use for playground purposes that portion of Orchard Park used for a swimming pool.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. O'TOOLE moved a general reconsideration of all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 6.05 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. Bromberg, to meet on Monday, June 27, 1904, at one o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Friday, June 24, 1904.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President Dolan in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The clerk read the call for the meeting as follows:—

President's Office, Common Council,
City Hall, June 20, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held in its chamber, City Hall, on Friday, June 24, 1904, at 7.45 o'clock P.M., so that action may be taken in regard to the acceptance of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act relative to the Schoolhouse Department of the City of Boston."

Delay in the acceptance of this act might seriously interfere with the opening of the usual vacation schools. Respectfully,

Arthur W. Dolan, President.

Placed on file.

SETTEES ON FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
June 21, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order asking them to place settees on Franklin Field.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., June 17, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir: We have duly received and

	No. of regular men on payroll	Per cent March 1.	Per cent of Inc.	Expended for Clerk-hire.	Per cent of Inc.	Total Expenses.	Per cent of Inc.
1895-96.....	40	..	..	\$35,191.85	..	\$92,693.72	..
1897-98.....	39	..	..	35,535.06	1	97,470.73	5
1899-1900.....	41	5	..	42,942.29	20	103,500.00	6
1901-02.....	48	17	..	56,940.91	32	119,072.96	15
1903-04.....	57	18	..	66,954.02	17	125,950.00	5

I am very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Edward A. Macdonald, City Collector.

Placed on file.

VETO—NORTH END BATH APPROPRIATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
June 16, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I am compelled to return without my approval your order proposing to appropriate by loan \$40,000 for the completion of the North End Bath-house.

This is a worthy object, and as the City is in a sense committed to it, I had cherished a hope that the building could be erected at an early day. But, unfortunately, the net available borrowing power of the City on May 31 last, was only \$46,140.62, as the deficit in the appropriation for Chestnut Hill Park, which ran to execution mentioned in my recent message, must be paid from a loan. This is an obligation inherited from other days, and it amounts to \$36,259.36.

Out of the \$46,140.64 ought to come \$20,400 for the reconstruction and extension of

considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to place settees on convenient places on Franklin Field for the benefit of the public.

We regret to say that we have no funds that we can apply to this purpose.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE IN COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., June 24, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Collector giving certain information requested in your order of June 2nd, in reference to the expenditures for clerk hire in that Department.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Collecting Department.

June 13, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir: In reply to the order of the Common Council of June 2nd, in regard to the increase in the amount expended for clerk hire in this department in 1903 over 1901, also as to the number of regular men employed, I would state that the increase in both is caused wholly by the increased business of the office. In 1903, 104,695 water bills, formerly delivered by the Water Department, were sent out from this office, there was also an increase of over 20,000 tax and assessment bills over 1901, and the same proportion in other items, the increase in the amount collected being \$1,353,759.21.

As the business of the office increases it is necessary to have additional help; this fact can be seen from the following table, showing the number of regular men on the pay-roll, the amount expended for clerk hire, the total expenses of the department, and the percentage of increase, from 1895 to 1903, inclusive. The amount collected in 1895-6 was \$19,040,254.18, and in 1903-4, \$26,237,433.20, an increase of \$7,257,179.02.

the wharf, the shelter, the heating plant and scales at Long Island, recommended by me and reported by the Finance Committee. This is an urgent need, and any public improvement that can possibly wait should give way to it. There will then remain but \$25,740.64 to carry us through the fiscal year to meet emergencies. What may happen no man knows, but we must keep this small sum intact.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

The communication was placed on file and the order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. McMackin of Wd. 6.

VETO—McKENZIE BEACH APPROPRIATION.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., June 16, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I return without my approval the order appropriating by loan \$5000 for McKenzie Beach.

This I do for the reasons stated in my accompanying message on the North End Bathhouse loan order. The borrowing



power of the City, as one reason, is now so small that it should stand throughout the fiscal year to meet emergencies.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

The communication was placed on file, and the order was indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message informing the City Council that, under present circumstances, he is compelled to refuse his approval of the ordinance to establish the hours of labor of the members of the Fire Department.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting an attested copy of chapter 376 of the Acts of 1904, and recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That chapter 376 of the Acts of 1904, entitled "An Act Relative to the Schoolhouse Department of the City of Boston," be and hereby is accepted.

The message was placed on file and the question came on the second reading of the order.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I am aware that I may be advocating, at the present time, an unpopular disposition of this measure, but it seems to me on careful investigation that this measure is simply a question of whether the City Government shall make up its mind to adopt a policy of robbing Peter to pay Paul. This matter amounts practically to a \$25,000 transfer from the Schoolhouse Commission of the City of Boston to the School Committee of the City of Boston. When the Schoolhouse Commission was established some years ago the law said that this Commission should be paid—that is, the salaries of the Commissioners and clerical assistants of that Commission—should be paid by the School Committee. These salaries have been paid by the School Committee to a certain extent. It has been deemed by the Schoolhouse Commission good business policy for them to pay for as much of the clerical work as could properly be charged up to the new buildings and to the repair work. The expenses of the Commissioners' salaries and clerical work in running the department amounts to just about \$50,000. The money which they have the disposal of is given for two specific purposes; to erect new buildings, buying therefor the land, etc., and to make necessary repairs on the public schools of this city. Such work as they have been in the habit of having done outside, plans of architects, etc., they have been able to do in their own draughting room, and salaries of that kind have been charged to the appropriation, and very fairly so. If this bill passes this \$25,000 must come directly out of the repair appropriation which has been made them, but which they have at present no control of for any other purpose. It cannot come out of the new buildings' money, or the loan money, because the new buildings for this year have been already contracted for. Now, Mr. President, I think that this Commission should pay for its own clerical work, but at the present time when the city schools are in such bad condition, when they need continued repairs, it seems to me that the order of things which was originally made is worth carrying out for a little while longer, until the Schoolhouse Commission can get their repair work on a more permanent basis than at the present time. The Commission has found it necessary to spend all its available money every year for repairs on the schools of the city, and it has been necessary from time to time for them to economize so some of the more crying needs of the schools could be attended to. They do not have the proper amount of

money to spend for lesser repairs, because they have to pay the money out for greater. Now, we are told that this money, if it is transferred, is to be spent for a very laudable purpose. I am sure, Mr. President, I do not wish to come here tonight and say a single word against the vacation schools. I believe in them and I believe there is a necessity for them; and, I believe, if it is possible for us to run them that we should; but I also believe that the ordinary, necessary work on the schools of Boston should not be neglected, and this is the time to make the repairs. I believe that a stitch in time saves nine, and we are asked now to take away for the vacation schools a certain sum of money from the repair work appropriation. The vacation schools are going to increase the necessity of the repair work. A great portion of the work in the vacation schools is manual training work, which we cannot very well maintain, without added expense to the Commission, as a great deal of wear and tear is caused by it and repairs are made necessary by this work.

The Schoolhouse Commission will have four more buildings completed by autumn and I think it is necessary to keep the new schools in repair. We must look out that the new schools are not allowed to run down as the old schools have been in the past, and every new building necessitates a terrific more money spent on repair work. Now, the amount of money which will be taken away, or which may be taken away, if this goes through tonight, will be more than the amount used in the repair work for masonry, whitening, concrete and materials, and also for gas and electric fixtures, piping, and the necessary repairs of illuminating apparatus. It will be more than half the amount which is required throughout all the schools of the City of Boston for carpentry and material. It seems to me, Mr. President, that we cannot afford at the present time to let the schools of the City of Boston suffer this handicap. I think I am working just as hard for the school children of Boston if I am trying to have their buildings kept in repair as if I were opening for them vacation schools; and I think this council should take it upon itself to say right here that we will not, to speak metaphorically, buy so much butter that we will have ultimately to economize on our bread.

The order was read a second time and passed. Mr. Cook doubted the vote and asked for a verification by rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was passed, 41 for, 2 against. Sent up.

On motion of Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18, the Council voted to take up Nos. 3 to 15 inclusive, together, viz.:—

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition referred July 8, 1901, of Caleb Chase, for compensation for damage to carriage caused by a city team—leave to withdraw.

4. Report of same committee, on petition referred September 23, 1901, of Samuel S. Nickerson, for compensation for damage to property at 147 Putnam St., East Boston, by overflow from sewer—leave to withdraw.

5. Report of same committee, on petition referred November 18, 1901, of John B. Peel, for compensation for damage to property at 181 Coleridge St., caused by overflow of surface water—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition referred August 11, 1902, of William H. Breen, for compensation for damage to property corner of Phipps and Lawrence Sts., by leak in sewer pipe—leave to withdraw.

7. Report of same committee, on petition referred October 20, 1902, of Israel Canner, for compensation for damage to property at 367 Harrison Ave., by overflow

from water or sewer pipes—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition referred October 20, 1902, of Elbridge Homans, administrator, for compensation for damage to property at 4 Abbot St., Dorchester, caused by the backing up of sewer—leave to withdraw.

9. Report of same committee, on petition referred November 10, 1902, of William F. Nowell, for compensation for damage to property at 192 Merrimac St., caused by overflow of water—leave to withdraw.

10. Report of same committee, on petition referred December 4, 1902, of Joseph Quigley, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by a wheel of a Fire Department wagon—leave to withdraw.

11. Report of same committee, on petition referred March 2, 1903, of Nathan Lucks, for compensation for injuries to child by city ash cart—leave to withdraw.

12. Report of same committee, on petition referred April 27, 1903, of Robert Treat Paine, to be repaid certain sums paid under protest by him for sewer assessments against estate on Harrison Ave.—leave to withdraw.

13. Report of same committee, on petition referred May 11, 1903, of Frederick E. Kendall, for compensation for damage to property on Mendum St., caused by overflow of surface water from Arnold Arboretum—leave to withdraw.

14. Report of same committee, on petition referred August 23, 1903, of the estate of Edward Richards, for compensation for damage to drain at 1921 Centre St. in the construction of a sewer—leave to withdraw.

15. Report of same committee, on petition referred March 28, 1904, of Margaret T. Linehan and another, for compensation for damage to their estate on Columbia Rd. caused by the construction of said road—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

16. Report of the Committee on Building Department, on petition referred May 23, 1904, of the John Morrison Company—recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the John Morrison Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden building on Sumner St., corner of Border St., Wd. 2, in excess of range allowed and without the intervention or construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for a coal-pocket.

Reported accepted, order passed in concurrence.

17. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Granger St. to Dorchester Ave.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to report on or before July 1 on the ordinance for the abolition of the Statistics Department—referred May 5, 1904.

The order was read a second time and the question came on its passage in concurrence.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, I move its indefinite postponement.

Mr. GRADY of Wd. 17—Mr. President, I trust that the order will not be indefinitely postponed tonight. I think the Committee on Ordinances have had ample time to consider the matter and report a bill to the City Government. I do not believe in referring important business to committees and then, when a request is passed by either branch of the City Council, moving in the other branch indefinite postponement of the order making the request. I think a report should come to the Council or

to the City Government from the Committee on Ordinances. They have had plenty of time for consideration of the subject, and I hope the order will not be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I am very sorry that we have not a committee on Public Improvements to which to refer this matter. A few weeks ago my friend from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) in the first division, put in an order requesting that the Building Committee should make a report. That order went to the Board of Aldermen and was placed in the Committee on Public Improvements. It seems to me it would be discourteous of us to refuse to follow the example of the Board in the disposition of a matter of this kind. I think that this order should receive some such courteous disposal, with the celerity with which the Board is able to dispose of such matters. As we have not a committee created for the purpose of putting such things under cover, so that, as Shakespeare says, they "cannot burst their ceremonies," it seems to me we might as well indefinitely postpone the order; and when the Committee on Public Improvements reports on the order offered by my friend from Wd. 23, this Council may see fit to take this up again.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost.

The order was declared passed. Mr. Pierce of Wd. 11 doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the order was declared passed, 25 for, 13 against.

Mr. Pierce further doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays. A roll call was ordered, and the order was passed, yeas 30, nays 20:—

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Crowley, W. A. H., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Foley, Gleason, Good, Grady, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKnight, Newton, Patterson, Spillane, Warner—30.

Nays—Cook, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Lacey, McDermott, McGonagle, McMackin, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Sullivan, D. L., Williams—20.

Absent or not voting—Barry, Bell, Carter, Colbert, Conway (23), Dalton, Dolan, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Higgins, Jepson, Kelley, Leavitt, MacLoud, Maynard, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, Moynihan, Murray, Reagan, Stalker, Sullivan, T. J. Jr., Wood—25.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public street Doris St., Wd. 20.

Passed in concurrence.

20. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to provide a sufficient number of settees on the Training Field, Charlestown.

Passed in concurrence.

21. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow employees who are members of the Charlestown Veteran Firemen's Association leave of absence, without loss of pay, from September 26 to October 1, 1904, inclusive, on the occasion of the visit of the association to Philadelphia.

WOODEN ADDITION.

Mr. CALLAHAN of Wd. 16, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted a report on the petition of the Boston Molasses Company (referred May 2)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioners be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Molasses Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden ad-

dition to building on land near Summer-St. extension, Wd. 13, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for same purpose. Report accepted; order passed. Sent up.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. SIMMS of Wd. 11 offered an order—That when this council adjourns, it be subject to the call of the President. Passed. Mr. Simms moved to reconsider; lost.

USE OF FERRIES BY G. A. R.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to allow the free use of the East Boston ferries by members of the G. A. R. in uniform or wearing the G. A. R. button, and by members of the Women's Relief Corps wearing badges, during the G. A. R. encampment in Boston in the month of August, 1904.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Mr. President, my reason for introducing that order is that I understand a large number of the visiting Grand Army men are to be quartered in the Maverick House, in East Boston, and they will want to go back and forth to the city. It is a very small matter to the city, as it will not mean more than two or three dollars less in the city treasury; yet it is considerable to them. I would respectfully ask the suspension of the rule, that the order may go upon its passage at this time.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that suspension of the rules will bring the order into the same repository at the end of two weeks, instead of its arriving there tomorrow, as it will, if it is referred directly.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Very well; I will accept your suggestion, and withdraw my motion.

WARD ONE IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HARRINGTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair and place in a safe and proper condition the sidewalk on Bennington St., Wd. 1, near Orient Heights, and being the sidewalk on the right-hand side of Bennington St., going towards Orient Heights.

Referred to the Mayor.

ACCEPTANCE OF BAYSWATER ST.

Mr. HARRINGTON offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public street Bayswater St., Orient Heights, Wd. 1.

Passed. Sent up.

PLAYGROUND AT ORIENT HEIGHTS.

Mr. HARRINGTON offered an order—That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing a site for a playground at Orient Heights, Wd. 1; and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to that amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVEMENT OF CARRUTH ST.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put in proper condition Carruth St., Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 moved that the Council do now adjourn. Lost.

IMPROVEMENT OF HAYES SQUARE.

Mr. EAGAN of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the park in Hayes Sq., Wd. 3, in proper condition.

Referred to the Mayor.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Mr. BRAZZELL of Wd. 13 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or of other veteran military organizations, to attend their annual encampments; also to grant like privileges to employees who belong to the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend the annual muster or to perform other military duties.

Passed. Sent up.

ONE DAY IN SEVEN FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23, offered the following:—Be it ordained: That on and after the first of September, 1904, the employees of the Fire Department shall have one day's leave of absence in every seven.

This ordinance shall go into effect on its receiving the approval of the Mayor.

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, when the prior ordinance was before the Council, I voted in favor of it, for the reason that I thought it was a movement in the right direction. I have presented this ordinance tonight, for that same reason—for I believe that a man, any man, whatever his occupation, is entitled to one day's rest in seven. I believe that is the law of human nature. Mr. President, I ask a suspension of the rules, that the ordinance may be put upon its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the ordinance is not in proper form for passage.

Mr. PRICE—Then, Mr. President, I move assignment to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to assign the matter to the next meeting of the Council was carried.

CLOCK ON TICKNOR SCHOOLHOUSE.

Mr. CALLAHAN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Schoolhouse Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a public clock on the outside of the Ticknor Schoolhouse, Wd. 15.

Referred to the Mayor.

EDWARD EVERETT STATUE.

Mr. CALLAHAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds, be hereby authorized, with the approval of the Art Commission, to remove the statue of Edward Everett from the Public Garden to the centre of Edward Everett Sq., Dorchester.

Referred to the Mayor.

NUMBER OF DRAWTENDERS.

On motion of Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8, the Council voted to take No. 25 from the table, viz.:—

25. Ordered, That the attention of His Honor the Mayor be called to the answer of the Deputy Superintendent of the Bridge Division, Mr. Joseph Lomasney, submitted to the Council on May 5, 1904, in response to inquiries made April 14, 1904, in regard to the extraordinary increase in the force of drawtenders and assistants; and to the fact that there are twenty superfluous assistant drawtenders in that division whose services might be dispensed with, which would result in an annual saving of \$16,000 or 15 per cent. of the drawtenders' pay-roll; and to the further facts that the eight-hour law which is given as an excuse for the increase of 53, is a good excuse for an increase of 33 only, because

the eight-hour law had been in full operation seven months before the present deputy took office—January 23, 1902—and at that time 107 men were all that were considered necessary to properly man the bridges, although the amount of business was greater then than now, and the number of bridges was the same; that the average number of men employed for over a year prior to July, 1902, when 124 men were employed, was 107 only. And that the attention of His Honor the Mayor be called to the further fact that there are now employed three more assistant draw-tenders than even the deputy himself in his answer says are necessary, to wit, 127.

Mr. MANCOVITZ moved that the order be indefinitely postponed, and the question came on indefinite postponement.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I did intend to say something when I arose, but on second thought I do not think I will say anything in reference to this order except that I hope it will not be indefinitely postponed.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was carried.

PAY OF PAINTERS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the City Council request His Honor the Mayor to instruct the heads of the several departments to pay the prevailing and standard rate of wages to the painters employed by the City of Boston, which is \$3.00 per day.

Mr. BRADLEY moved a suspension of the rules, that the order might go upon its passage.

The motion to suspend the rules was declared carried. Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 doubted the vote.

At the request of Mr. CROWLEY of Wd. 7, the Clerk read the order again, for information.

The Council stood divided, the question being on suspending the rules, and 20 members voted in favor of suspending the rule, and 3 in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state

that there does not appear to be a quorum present, and he will direct the Clerk to call the roll, the question being on suspending the rules.

The Clerk called the roll, and the motion to suspend the rules was carried—yeas 33, nays 4:—

Yeas—Bradley, Brazell, Cadogan, Calahan, Collins, H. J., Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway, (23), Cook, Coughlin, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A., H. Eagan, Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Gleason, Grady, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McKnight, Patterson, Price, Richardson, Spillane, Warner—33.

Nays—Jepson, Mancovitz, Pierce, Simms—4.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Carter, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Craig, Dalton, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Foley, Good, Graumann, Kelley, Lacey, MacLoud, Maynard, McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., jr., Williams, Wood—38.

The order was passed. Sent up.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALGER ST.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Alger St., Wd. 15, as a public way.

Passed. Sent up.

MORE POLICEMEN FOR STRANDWAY.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish a detail of officers for the protection of children on the Strandway Playground on Saturday afternoons during the baseball season.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned, on motion of Mr. GETHRO of Wd. 9, at 8.56 P.M., subject to the call of the President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, June 27, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock, Ald. BOWEN, senior member present, presiding. Later on all the members were present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to dispense with the reading of the Records of the last meeting.

WEIGHERS OF BEEF.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 27, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Clarence O. Dustin (46 Winthrop St., Winthrop), Alfred H. Goodwin (9 Russell Terrace, Arlington), Henry B. Heise (Long Wharf, Boston) and Walter C. Katzman (257 Main St., Everett) Weighers of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

BARBER POLE ON SIDEWALK—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 22, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your vote granting permission to Antonio Giordano to place a barber pole on sidewalk at 677 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12, for the reason that the proposed permission cannot be legally granted.

I am, respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

BARBER POLE ON SIDEWALK—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 22, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your vote granting permission to Thomas F. Killen to place a barber pole on the sidewalk at 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18, for the reason that the proposed permission cannot be legally granted.

I am, respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SIGN ON TREE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., June 22, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your vote granting permission to Abe Brest to place a sign on a tree in the sidewalk in front of No. 33 Lowell St., Wd. 8, for the reason that there is nothing, either in the petition or vote, showing the character and dimensions of the proposed structure, and for the further reason that, in any event, its erection would be illegal.

I am,

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the committee named:—

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Smith & Kerrissey, an illuminated sign, at 16 Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

Mrs. Helen Macaulay, a sign, at 9A Park Sq., Wd. 7.

Israel Sternburg, an unlettered lamp, at 975 Washington St., Wd. 9.

George T. Geer, a sign, at 695 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Louis Moshkovith, a show case, at 26 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Mass. College of Commerce, Inc., an illuminated sign, at 30 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Charles Ditson, two unlettered lanterns, at 451 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Tony Bertolami, an illuminated sign, at 562½ Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

S. Rabinowich, an unlettered lamp, at 2026 Washington St., Wd. 18.

J. M. McCracken, a V-shaped sign, at 31 John St., Wd. 6.

A. B. Gill, 3 barber poles, at 129A Main St., Wd. 5.

Osias Herbsman, a sign, at 76 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Claims.

Board of Police, that William Pelton, Thomas Donahue, Henry J. Walkins be repaid certain sums expended by them in defence of suits against them on account of their acts as Police officers.

Michael J. Morrison, to be paid for damages to estate 27 E. Concord St., by water flowing into cellar and basement, caused by employees of the city while re-setting edgestones on said street.

Dennis J. Driscoll, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester Ave., near the Fields Corner Transfer station of the B. E. Ry. Co.

Hannah Yoffa, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in the highway at 8 Barton court.

David Leahy, for a hearing on his claim for damages to his daughter Mary, a minor, caused by an accident which occurred April 26, 1904.

John Sheridan, for a hearing on his claim for damages on account of an accident on May 18.

Electric Wires.

Board of Police, for leave to erect posts for police signal on Highland St., near Eliot Sq., and at other locations.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20.

For a location for poles on Ninth, Atkinson, P and Alveston Sts., East Broadway, and at corner of Warren Ave. and Clarendon St.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect two poles on South St., Wd. 23, between Guernsey St. and Bradford Terrace.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co., for the use of Faneuil Hall June 3, 4 and 5.

Federal Council No. 466, Knights of Columbus, for the use of Faneuil Hall on November 30.

Licenses.

B. F. Keith (two petitions) for licenses for dramatic, vaudeville and musical entertainments, at Keith's Theatre, and at Keith's Bijou Theatre.

Henry J. Callis, for license for lawn party at 611 Shawmut Ave., on the evening of July 6.

Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses, Washington Post 32, G. A. R.

Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 63, G. A. R.

Francis Washburn Post 32, G. A. R.

Robert A. Bell Post 134, G. A. R.

Public Improvements.

Robert Green, for leave to sell flowers at the corner of Tremont and Pleasant Sts., from 5 to 9 P.M.

David F. Long, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk, at 162 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5.

Annie E. Gately, for leave to construct a coal hole opening, etc., in sidewalk, at 876-879 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Arthur Amory, for leave to construct a coal hole at 133 Marlboro St., Wd. 11.

Schoolhouse Commissioners, for leave to construct a coal hole vault in sidewalks on Ambrose and Orchard Park Sts., Wd. 17.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a wooden building from 136 Hampshire St. to 191 Vernon St., Wd. 18.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

P. O'Hearn, 6 Corwin St., Wd. 20.

Georgianna J. Ridler, 21 Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

Cornelius E. Rogers, 71 Harbor View St., Wd. 20.

John J. Johnston, 148 Harold St., Wd. 21.

P. O'Hearn, 1591-1595 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Livingston Cushing, Benedict St., rear Brown's Ct., Wd. 5.

Louis Segel, 202-204 Bremen St., Wd. 2.

HEARINGS AT ONE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Sophie M. Hawk for leave to project one bay-window from building 645 and 647 Broadway, Wd. 14.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that the first named company be allowed to attach its wires to two poles of the second named company on Coolidge St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:

3. Six poles on Glenarm St., between Washington and Seaver Sts., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Jenkins, 35 Glenarm St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

The petition was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. One pole on Elmore St., near Washington St.; one on Columbus Ave., near Washington St.; and one on Circuit St., near Washington St., Roxbury.

F. H. Bruns, 2761 Washington St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. Five poles on South St., between Guernsey St. and Bradford Terrace, Wd. 23.

A communication was received from Charles H. Tyndale remonstrating against the granting of the petition.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Bromberg, with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. Five poles on Bentley St., between Henshaw and Sparhawk Sts., Wd. 25.

Mr. A. R. Lyman, 26 Bentley St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. On petition of the same company for leave to attach wires and fixtures to five trees on G St., between Thomas Park and Fourth St., Wd. 15.

Martha C. Hill, 52 G St., William A. Neilson, 33 Sawyer Ave., John A. Duggan, 73 G St., and Fred A. Fernald, 209 Washington St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition on the ground that the trees would be injured.

Recommended to the Committee on Elec-

tric Wires, on motion of Ald. Baldwin, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

8. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to grant leave of absence, without loss of pay, and in part compensation for services rendered, to all employees who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic or of other veteran military organizations, to attend their annual encampments; also to grant like privileges to employees who belong to the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia to attend the annual muster or to perform other military duties.

Passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the City Council request His Honor the Mayor to instruct the heads of the several departments to pay the prevailing and standard rate of wages to the painters employed by the City of Boston, which is: \$3 per day.

10. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Alger St., Wd. 15, as a public way.

11. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public street Bayswater St., Orient Heights, Wd. 1.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

12. Report of Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to the Boston Molasses Company to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on land near Summer St. extension, Wd. 13, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall, as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Ald. BOWEN called up No. 13, Unfinished Business, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

13. Charles A. Dalton, Thomas J. Gargan and George F. Swain, to be members of the Boston Transit Commission, for the term ending on the first day of July, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Bromberg. Whole number of votes cast eight, yes eight, and the several appointments were confirmed.

Ald. BOWEN called up No. 14, Unfinished Business, viz.:—

14. Thomas F. Doherty, William B. Handy, James J. McNamee, Ludwig Ostermeyer and James E. Powers, to be Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Whelton and Kneeland. Whole number of ballots cast twelve, yes twelve, and the several appointments were confirmed.

MARQUISE—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of the Boston Hotel Company for leave to project a marquise at 423 Tremont St., Wd. 9, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, July 11, at three o'clock P.M., when any persons objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Harbor & Land Commissioners of a hearing, June 29, on petition of Metropolitan Water & Sew-

erage Board for leave to drive additional piles at its wharf at Deer Island.
Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of Michael F. Kelly.
Approved by the Board.

SALE OF OIL.

Reports were received from the Fire Commissioner on various petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—approving of the same, viz.:—

Transfer Automobile Station, Timothy L. Connolly, 234 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Columbia Road Automobile Station, Edwards Brothers, 610 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.
G. H. Burt, 541 Tremont St.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. BOWEN.

CLERK-HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 493, of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been done to the amount of \$2,377.20.

On motion of Ald. Whelton, the pay-roll was approved for the sum of \$2,242.20, instead of \$2,377.20, and of the amount disallowed, \$90 be deducted from the amount set against the name of William C. Brackett and \$45 be deducted from the amount set against the name of John W. Johnson.

The motion was adopted, and the pay-roll approved in accordance therewith.

FIRING OF CRACKERS, ETC., JULY FOURTH.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered the following:—

(1) Ordered, That the firing of rockets, squibs, crackers, serpents, torpedoes, and similar fireworks be permitted in the public streets, grounds and squares of this city on Monday, the Fourth day of July, between the hours of 12.01 A. M. and 11.59 P. M.

(2) Ordered, That so much of the order passed by this Board June 13, 1904, as relates to the hours in which the firing of the fireworks named above is permitted on July Fourth be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I object to that order as it reads at the present time because of the fact that in the section of the city where I live there are the Massachusetts General Hospital, a children's hospital, a consumptives' hospital, a lying-in hospital, and three or four others that I cannot recall at the present time. The condition of affairs at the West End on the morning of the 17th of June was something I never knew of before in all my experience in the West End. I was born there and have always lived there, but never in my life have I witnessed such a condition of affairs as existed on that morning. If necessary, Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to offer an amendment to that order, inserting a provision that McLean St. and the streets surrounding the Massachusetts General Hospital be exempted from the operation of that order.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, it was not my intention to interfere with the tranquillity of people who are in hospitals of the city on the morning of the Fourth of July. My intention was purely to allow the younger people of the city to enjoy themselves from twelve o'clock on the morning of the Fourth until twelve o'clock at night. Inasmuch as the day before the Fourth is the Sabbath, on which day they would not be allowed to fire off

fireworks, and as I knew that the orders given to the police this year were very strong and that they would try to enforce them, I wanted to have some action taken which would give the young people a chance to enjoy themselves as much as possible. I am willing that there shall be an amendment to the order so that the district of the gentleman from the West End may be eliminated from its operation; and, therefore, I will ask to have the order referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, so that that may be done.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PAYMENTS TO RELATIVES OF DEAD EMPLOYEES.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That chapter 449 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to make Payments to the Widows or Next of Kin of its Deceased Employees," be and is hereby accepted.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, not being familiar with the act, I move that the order be assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

The order was so assigned.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees on Maple St., Wd. 23, between Centre and Weld Sts.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing on Dorchester Ave., near Melville Ave.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BALDWIN also offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim three trees on the westerly side of H St., between Eighth and Ninth Sts.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate numbered 73 Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Orders severally passed.

REORGANIZATION OF BATH DEPT.

Ald. CURLEY offered the following:—An Ordinance to Reorganize the Bath Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Section 1. Chapter Two of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section one by inserting after the words "The Soldiers' Relief Commissioner" the words "The superintendent of baths," and by striking out in said section the words "The bath trustees."

Section 2. Chapter Three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in section three by inserting after the clause establishing the amount of bonds in the street department the words "The superintendent of baths, two thousand dollars"; and in section five by inserting after the clause establishing the salaries of the street commissioners, the following words: "The superintendent of baths, three thousand dollars."

Section 3. Chapter Seven of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended in the second line of section one by striking out the words "a board to be known as

the bath trustees," and inserting in place thereof the words "The superintendent of baths."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. CURLEY.

CLOSING OF COURT ST.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company to close the roadway on Court St., from Washington St. to the northerly end of the Old Court House, to public travel for a period of three weeks, or during the time necessary for paving the roadway on said street.

Passed.

PROBATE COURT MESSENGER.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the messenger in attendance upon the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk shall receive from said county one hundred dollars, annually, in addition to his salary, to provide a uniform, which he shall wear while in attendance on said court.

Passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted to 15 newsboys, 2 bootblacks and 1 vendor.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Henry J. Callis (referred today), for licenses for a lawn party at 611 Shawmut Ave., on the evening of July 6—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for compensation for injuries caused by falling—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz:—

Margaret McPhee (referred April 18), injuries caused by fall on Boylston St.

Barnett Goodman (referred April 4), for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Haverhill St.

Accepted. Sent down.

RAILROADS.

Ald. DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on petition of The West End Street Railway Co. (referred June 20), for extension of time in which to locate tracks—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed the West End Street Railway company in which to locate tracks on Wilton St., Wd. 25, from Cambridge St. to the car-house of said company on Wilton and Braintree Sts. (location No. 223), under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen September 15, 1902, be and the same is hereby extended to January 1, 1905.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for location for poles on Ninth, Atkinson, P and Alveston Sts., East Broadway, and at corner of Warren Ave. and Clarendon Sts.—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon Monday, July 11, 1904, at 3 P. M., when any persons desiring to object may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Brookline Gas Light Co. (recommitted today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to allow the attachment of, and to the Brookline Gas Light Company to attach, the wires of said gas light company to two poles of said telephone company on Coolidge St., Wd. 25, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by black dots on a plan made by J. A. Gould, dated May 16, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. (referred June 6), for leave to acquire poles of the French Telegraph Cable Co.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the French Telegraph Cable Company to transfer to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston twenty poles of said cable company on Dorchester Ave., between Fort Point Channel and Andrew St., shown on a plan made by H. F. Leavitt, dated May 19, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets; and the locations as shown on said plan are hereby granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Reports on petitions of the same company—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered (on petition recommitted Mar. 28), That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

West Sixth St., between Dorchester St. and F St., Wd. 15, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 ft.x14 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft. 6 in.; date of plan, Mar. 4, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered (on petition referred June 20), That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

Washington St., between Talbot Ave. and River St., Wd. 24, 17 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 65 ft.x22 in.; date of plan, June 16, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Washington St. seventeen poles shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered (petition referred May 23), That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of

the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

Green St., between Washington St. and Union Ave., Wd. 22, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 50 ft. x 16 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, May 19, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Green St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered (on petition recommitted June 6), That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

South Huntington Ave., 34 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 ft. x 14 in.; width of sidewalk, 12 ft.; date of plan, April 6, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(4) Report on the petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred June 20), for leave to relocate poles on Wait St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Wait St., between Hillside and Pequot Sts., Wd. 19, 3 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft. x 13 in.; width of sidewalk, 12 ft.; date of plan, June 14, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Wait St. three poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department, Ald., submitted the following:—

Reports and petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

Chandler W. Smith (referred May 16), illuminated sign, 120 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Regal Shoe Co. (referred June 20), electric sign, 248 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Epstein Brothers (referred May 16), illuminated sign, 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Charles Wirth & Co. (referred June 13), electric sign, 35 Essex St., Wd. 6.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange (referred June 13), gas arc lamp, 50 Howard St., Wd. 6.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange (referred June 13), two gas arc lamps, 36-8 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Ansel McCarrison & Willard E. Burnham (referred May 16), three bay-windows from building on easterly side of P St., joining with the northerly side of East Fourth St., Wd. 14.

Jaynes & Co. (referred June 13), druggists' mortar, 129 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Max Levine (referred June 13), sign, 1007 Washington St., Wd. 9.

G. W. Herrick (referred June 13), unlettered lamp, 235 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Dowd Brothers (referred June 13), illuminated sign, 25 Howard St., Wd. 8.

Robert Drinkwater (referred June 6), two signs over Washington St., and one over School St., from building 3 School St., Wd. 6.

Philip Alexander (referred April 25), sign, 87 Summer St., Wd. 7.

J. A. Floyd (referred May 23), illuminated sign, 55 Causeway St., Wd. 6.

Charles S. Gove & Co. (referred May 2), unlettered lamp, 77 Pitts St., Wd. 8.

Globe Supply Co. (referred May 2), unlettered lamp, 57 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Patrick A. Foley (referred May 23), unlettered lamp, 16 Broadway, Wd. 13.

George Shepard (referred May 9), unlettered lamp, 1854 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Joseph Wright (referred April 18), illuminated sign, 2169 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Joseph P. Spang (referred May 23), illuminated sign, 47 Dearborn St., Wd. 17.

Boyajian & Martin (referred April 11), illuminated sign, 66 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

C. S. Gove & Co. (referred April 18), illuminated sign, 80 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

John M. Barry (referred May 2), illuminated sign, 144 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

John N. Landers (referred April 18), transparent sign, 695 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. W. LeGacy & Co. (referred May 16), illuminated sign, 454 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Joseph O. Miner (referred April 18), illuminated sign, 159½ Eliot St., Wd. 7.

W. G. Russell (referred June 20), illuminated sign, 10 Marshall St., Wd. 6.

William A. Miller (referred June 20), illuminated sign, 3770 Washington St., Wd. 23.

Patrick J. Daly & Co. (referred June 20), illuminated sign, 41 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Massachusetts College of Commerce, Incorporated (referred today), illuminated sign, 30 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

A. Clark West (referred June 6), illuminated sign, 636-A Warren St., Wd. 21.

N. Salinger (referred June 6), illuminated sign, 433 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Lawrence Kennedy & Co. (referred June 6), illuminated sign, 741 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Enrico DelleDonne & Co. (referred June 6), illuminated druggists' mortar, 71 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Robert Drinkwater (referred June 6), two barber poles and one illuminated sign, 595 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Fred Preston (referred June 6), unlettered lamp, 504 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

F. H. Rogers & Co. (referred June 6), unlettered lamp, 9 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Boston Gas Appliance Exchange (referred June 6), three gas arc lamps, 209 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9.

John Pistario (referred June 6), arc lamp, 315 Dover St., Wd. 9.

L. Strat & Co. (referred June 6), unlettered lamp, 414 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

H. M. Rowe & Co. (referred June 6), two unlettered lamps, 25 Kneeland St., Wd. 7.

Walter Perkins (referred June 6), one unlettered lamp, 365 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

B. F. Bradbury (referred June 6), unlettered lamp, 39 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Patrick J. Daly & Co. (referred June 6), illuminated sign, 15 Cornhill, Wd. 6.

Ferris & Littlefield Co. (referred March 28), illuminated sign, 169 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

EAST BOSTON CARNIVAL, JULY 4TH.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That permission be granted to the East Boston Carnival Association to occupy such portion of Meridian St. at the Meridian Building as may be necessary for the erection and maintenance of an archway over said street; said occupancy not to cover a period of more than four days from July 2, 1904.

Passed.

CLOSING OF PROVIDENCE ST.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Slatery to close the roadway on Providence St., between Church and Berkeley Sts., Wd. 10, for a period of three weeks, or during the time necessary for the construction of sewerage works in said street.

Passed.

COVERINGS FOR AREAS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the following named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas or coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of chapter five of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz.:

Streets and names of supposed owners or agents.

- 15 Cornhill, John G. Low, owner.
- 112 Court St., Viles & Smith, owners.
- 120 Appleton St., J. L. Nason, owner.
- 120 Appleton St., Frederick W. Hobbs, owner.
- 88 Berkeley St., Max Frank, owner.
- 128 Chandler St., John A. Emery, owner.
- 138 Chandler St., Fred J. Stark, owner.
- 310 Columbus Ave., Wingate Estate, owner.
- 73 Dartmouth St., William Holden, agent.
- 49 Warren Ave., B. F. Colcord, agent.
- 35 Warren Ave., John M. Doherty, owner.
- 31 Gray St., Wd. 10, Richard H. Addison, owner.
- 431 Mass. Ave., Mary E. Hanrahan, owner.
- 9 Wellington St., Mary A. Gately, owner.
- 727 Tremont St., Alonzo D. Peck, owner.
- 593½ Tremont St., Charles McClure, owner.
- 14 Magnolia St., L. E. Demelman, owner.
- 638 Shawmut Ave., Laura Grozinski, owner.
- 21 Kendall St., Rose Posse, owner.
- 15 Putnam St., Rox., George E. Simpson, owner.
- 108 Main St., Charles W. Sawyer, agent.
- 2 Foss St., P. O'Riordan, owner.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 1.41 o'clock, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 2.56 P. M.

Ald. DOYLE in the Chair.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted a report on the order referred June 13 that Chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of Its Police Signal Service" be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in connection with this order, I desire to state that the Legislature of 1904 passed to be enacted the following act:—

"Section 1. All provisions of law relative to the pensioning of members of the Police Department of the City of Boston shall hereafter apply to members of the police signal service of that city.

"Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston."

The passage of this act places on a pension basis these men, at the same rate annually as is paid to members of the Police Department. Should this act pass, with the same provisions applying to members of the police signal service as apply at present to the Police Department, it would be fully eight years before any member of the police signal system came under the provisions of this act. In other words, it would be eight years before any member of the police signal service department had served his full term of 25 years and would be eligible for a pension, except for disability; and, as there are but 19 men employed in the police signal system at the present time, I don't feel that it would be any great expense to the city to have this act go into effect. I do feel that it is for the best interests of the service and right, proper and just, that the City Council should accept the provisions of this act.

The order was passed. Sent down.

(2) Reports on petitions severally referred today for leave to construct coal-holes, etc., in sidewalks—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the following-named persons to do said work, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto, viz.:

Schoolhouse Commissioners, to construct, maintain and use a coal vault with patent sidewalk covers and three coal-hole openings not exceeding 18 inches each in diameter, under and in the sidewalk in front of the new Dearborn School on Ambrose and Orchard Park Sts., Wd. 17, as shown on a plan dated June 25, 1904, and placed on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Annie E. Gately, to construct, maintain and use a 16-inch coal hole opening, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, in the sidewalk in front of estate 876-8 Washington St., Wd. 7.

David F. Long, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening five by four feet, with a wooden cover, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 162 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 5.

Reports severally accepted orders severally passed.

(3) Report on petition of J. J. and P. M. Ahern (referred today), for leave to move a wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. and P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 feet in length, by 20 feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from

present location at 136 Hampshire St., to be moved along Hampshire and Vernon Sts. to stone foundation at 191 Vernon St., Wd. 18, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on report and order (referred today), for extension of time for West End Street Railway Co. to locate tracks on Wilton St., Wd. 25—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on order (referred today), that certain persons be notified to repair flagstone coverings over areas or coal holes maintained by them—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

PERMIT FOR SIGN.

Ald. WHELTON presented the petition of Gill & Co. for the erection of a wooden sign at 9 School St., Wd. 6.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to suspend the rule, and leave was granted on the usual conditions.

IMPROVEMENT OF SEWERS, WD. 23.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have the sewers on Lorraine St. and Colberg Ave., Wd. 23, cleaned out and put in proper condition.

Passed.

JAMAICA PLAIN PARADE, JULY 4TH.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested to close against traffic by vehicles, except fire, police, ambulance and mail wagons, such streets as may be necessary in Wds. 22 and 23 for the passage of the parade on July Fourth next.

Passed.

STANDING OF FIREMEN'S ORDINANCE.

Ald. KNEELAND called up No. 15, reconsideration, viz.:

15. Ald. KNEELAND gives notice of intention to move a reconsideration of the order presented by him June 20, requesting the opinion of the Corporation Council on the matter of the right of the City Council to pass the ordinance granting one day's leave of absence in five to the members of the Fire Department, notwithstanding the Mayor's disapproval of said ordinance.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, that said order be rescinded.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Corporation Council be requested to inform this Board, whether, in his opinion, the ordinance passed by the City Council under authority of chapter 315 of the Acts of 1904, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and which was presented to the Mayor June 6th inst., and was not approved by him nor returned by him within ten days thereafter to the branch of the City Council in which it originated, is now in force and effect, and if not, why not.

Passed.

STREET SIGN, WARD 23.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to locate a street sign at the corner of Montgomery and Spring Sts., Wd. 23.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. SLATTERY moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

NEXT MEETING.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, that when it adjourns, it be to meet on Monday, July 11, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Adjourned at 3.05 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, July 11, 1901.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman DOYLE presiding, and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following appointments were received from the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board.

(1) William B. Cutterson (Bellevue Rd, Weymouth, Massachusetts), a Weigher of Beef for the term ending April 30, 1905.

(2) Patrick D. Currie (37 Rawson Street, Wd. 16), a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Severally laid over under the law.

STREETS TO BE IMPROVED.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 11, 1901.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Acting Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order requesting a list of the streets in this City which the Street Department proposes to improve during the present year.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.

Street Department—City Hall,

Boston, Mass., July 11, 1901.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with the request of the Board of Aldermen, I have the honor to submit printed list of streets in this city, on which this department proposes to make improvements during the present year.

Respectfully,

H. P. Macksey,

Acting Superintendent of Streets.

To the owners of property abutting on public streets that are to be improved; All owners of abutting property, or people having rights in the public streets, are hereby notified, in accordance with Sec. 7 of Chap. 38 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, that the Street Department of the City of Boston intends to improve the following streets, and all persons or parties having any rights in the said streets are requested to make all necessary repairs to their sewers or water connections, or any other pipes or structures, within two weeks from date, as after that time no permits will be granted on these streets until one year after their completion.

South Boston.

Bolton St., C to Dorchester St.
E St., W. Seventh to W. Eighth St.
E. Second St., L to P St.
F. St., W. First to W. Second St.
G St., E. Broadway to E. Fourth St.
G St., E. Eighth St., to Columbia Rd.
K St., E. Ninth St. to Columbia Rd.
M St., E. Eighth to E. Ninth St.
Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester Ave. to railroad.
N St., E. Seventh St. to Columbia Rd.
O St., E. Second St. to E. Seventh St.
Silver St., D to G St.
West Fifth St., C to D St.
West Seventh St., Dorchester Ave. to D St.
Covington St., E. Eighth St. to Thomas Pk.

East Boston.

Brooks St., White to Condor St.
Ford St., Saratoga to Breed St.
Haynes St., Orleans to Marginal St.
Meridian St., Eutaw to Condor St.
Moore St., Pope to Saratoga St.
Orleans St., Webster to Sumner St.
Putnam St., W. Eagle to Saratoga St.

Charlestown.

Beach St., Medford St. to the railroad.
Charlestown bridge, replace asphalt.
Elm St., High to Medford St.
Monument St., Medford to Bunker Hill St.
Polk St., Medford to Bunker Hill St.
Princeton St., Lexington to Tufts St.
Russell St., Sullivan to Auburn St.
School St., High to Bunker Hill St.
Tufts St., Medford St. to the asphalt.
Union St., Main St. to Rutherford Ave.
Wood St., Main to High St.

Brighton.

Ashford St., Linden to Malvern St.
Bradbury St., Franklin to Mansfield St.
Brighton Ave., Cambridge St. to Commonwealth Ave.
Cambridge St., Union Sq. to Harvard Ave.
Commonwealth Ave., Essex to St. Paul St.
Easton St., Franklin to Mansfield St.
Murdock St., Sparhawk to Elmira St.
Nonantum St., Washington St. to Newton line.
Westford St., Raymond to Raymond St.

West Roxbury.

Baker St., Centre to Vermont St.
Beech St., Poplar to Westbourne St.
Brown Ave., Ashland to Poplar St.
Canterbury St., Ashland St. to railroad bridge.
Catherine St., Bourne to Florence St.
Centre St., La Grange to Mt. Vernon St.
John A. Andrew St., Newbern St. to Caroline Ave.
Keyes St., Washington to Forest Hills St.
Paul Gore St., Chestnut Ave. to Centre St.
South St., Bussey bridge to Washington St.
South St., Centre to Jamaica St.
Sycamore St., Ashland to Florence St.
South Fairview St., Robert to S. Walter St.

Dorchester.

Abbot St., Blue Hill Ave. to Harvard St.
Ashmont St., Neponset Ave. to Adams St.
Bullard St., entire length.
Cedar St., River to Manchester St.
Dix St., Dorchester Ave. to Freeport St.
Dorchester Ave., Adams to Park St.
Dorchester Ave., Columbia Rd. across Mt. Vernon St.
Linden St., Dorchester Ave. to Freeport St.
Mill St., Neponset Ave. to Adams St.
Neponset Ave., Minot St. to bridge.
Newhall St., Pierce Ave. to Ashmont St.
Park St., Freeport St. to Geneva Ave.
Plain St., Chicatawbut to Pierce St.
Robinson St., Adams St. to Draper St.
Savin Hill Ave., Denny St. to the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.
Stoughton St., Columbia Rd. to Pleasant St.
Wrentham St., Bruce St. to Dorchester Ave.

Roxbury.

Bromley Park, Bickford to Albert St.
Clarence St., Dudley to George St.
Highland St., Centre to Cedar St.
Lamartine St., Paul Gore to Wyman St.
Langdon St., Dudley to George St.
Linden-Park St., Roxbury to Tremont St.
Moreland St., Blue Hill Ave. to Dennis St.
Roxbury and Washington Sts., Marvin St. to Guild row.
Roxbury St., Shawmut Ave. to Kent St.

Roxbury St., Centre to Kent St.
 Smith St., Phillips St. to St. Alphonsus St.
 Washington St., Townsend to Elmore St.
 Washington St., Townsend to Dimock St.
 South End.
 Albion St., Dover to Castle St.
 Burbank St.
 Camden St., Columbus Ave. to railroad.
 Chandler St., Columbus Ave. to Berkeley St.
 Columbus Ave., from B. & A. R. R. bridge to Ferdinand St.
 Concord Sq., Tremont St. to Columbus Ave.
 Curve St., Broadway to Albany St.
 Dacia St., Quincy to Brookford St.
 East Concord St., Albany to Washington St.
 East Dedham St., Albany to Washington St.
 East Lenox St., Washington to Fellows St.
 Emerald St., Castle to Dover St.
 Essex St., Oxford to Kingston St.
 Ingleside St., Blue Hill Ave. to Dacia St.
 Massachusetts Ave., from Southampton St., 250 feet.
 Norfolk Ave., Magazine to Marshfield St.
 Newland St., W. Dedham to W. Brookline St.
 Norfolk Ave., Marshfield to E. Cottage St.
 Northampton St., Columbus Ave to Tremont St.
 Shawmut Ave., W. Springfield St. to Massachusetts Ave.
 South St., Beach to Essex St.
 West Brookline St., Warren Ave. to Tremont St.
 West Concord St., Washington to Tremont St.
 West Dedham St., Shawmut Ave. to Tremont St.
 Back Bay.
 West Newton St., Tremont St. to Columbus Ave.
 Batavia St., Hemenway to St. Stephen's St.
 Bellevue St., Brookline Ave. to Francis St.
 Boylston St., Dartmouth St. to Massachusetts Ave.
 Commonwealth Ave., Beacon to Essex St.
 Dundee St., Massachusetts Ave. to Dalton St.
 Follen St., St. Botolph St. to railroad.
 Garrison St., St. Botolph St. to Huntington Ave.
 Harcourt St., St. Botolph St. to railroad.
 Providence St., Clarendon to Berkeley St.
 Worthington St., Huntington Ave to Longwood Ave.
 North End.
 Anderson St., Cambridge to Pinckney St.
 Ashburton Pl., Bowdoin to Somerset St.
 Barton Ct., Barton to Brighton St.
 Cooper St., Salem St. to No. 20.
 Court St., Washington to Tremont St.
 Cross St., Fulton to Commercial St.
 Grove St., Cambridge to Myrtle St.
 Hale St., Green St. to Hale St. extension.
 McLean St., Chambers to Blossom St.
 Norman St., Green to S. Margin St.
 North Bennett St., Salem St. to Hanover St.
 Richmond St., Commercial to Fulton St.
 Richmond St., Hanover to North St.
 Sudbury St., N. cor. Court to N. cor. Hawkins St.
 Sudbury St., N. cor. Hawkins to N. cor. Portland St.
 Sudbury St., N. cor. Portland St. to Haymarket Sq.
 Walnut St., Beacon to Mt. Vernon St.
 James Donovan,
 Superintendent of Streets.
 Placed on file.

Later in the session action was reconsidered and the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. petition of Bridget Kenny for leave to project one bay-window from building 121 Vernon St., Wd. 18.
2. On petition of the Boston Hotel Company for leave to project a marquee in extension of the present one at 423 Tremont St., Wd. 9.
 No objections. Severally referred to the committee on Building Dept. (ald.).
 On petitions of the West End Street Railway Company, for locations for tracks with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, as follows:—
3. Double tracks on Chelsea St., East Boston, from its junction with Saratoga St. to the dividing line between the cities of Chelsea and Boston; also on Eagle St., from its junction with Shelby St. to Chelsea St.; also double curves on said Eagle St., connecting the car-house there situate with tracks on said Eagle St.
4. Additional curves and connecting tracks on Broadway and Dorchester St., South Boston.
5. Additional track and curves on Braintree St., Allston.
6. Double curves at the junction of Brighton and Harvard Ave., Brighton.
 No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.
7. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect one pole on Austin St., opposite Lynde St., Wd. 5.
 No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.
8. On petition of the Fire Commissioner for leave to erect lamp-posts and terminal posts for the use of the Fire-alarm branch, at the following locations:—
 Corner Cedar and Thornton Sts., Roxbury; corner Forest Hills St. and Glen road; corner Washington and Morton Sts.; corner Green St. and Boylston Ave., Jamaica Plain; corner Summer and Melcher Sts., South Boston; on Bartlett St., near Washington St.; on Dale St., near Washington St., Roxbury; on Green St., near Washington St., and on Walk Hill St., corner Washington St., Jamaica Plain.
 Thomas F. Meehan, for Patrick Meehan, objected to the erection of posts at the corner of Green St., near Washington St., particularly. He said Mr. Meehan owned other property on Glen road, but that he did not object particularly to a post there.
 No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, so far as it related to posts, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.
- The matter of the other proposed locations was recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires without instructions.
- On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles, viz.:—
9. Two on Eutaw St., between Marion and Brooks Sts., Wd. 1.
10. Sixteen on Bennington St., between Trumbull St. and the B., R. B. & L. R. R. bridge, Wd. 1.
 No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.
11. One on Elmwood St., at Texas St., Wd. 19.
 P. J. Swift, 26 Elmwood St., appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed pole.
 No further objection, recommended, on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, to the committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.
12. Two on Church St., between Winter and Highland Sts., Wd. 20.
 Ald. HENNESSEY stated that one of the proposed poles was to be placed immediately in the centre of the entrance to the new Mather School in Dorchester, which is to accommodate about 2000 pupils. He said he had been requested by Com-

missioner Corbett to so state to the Board. On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

13. Four on Central Ave., between River St. and the Town of Milton, Wd. 24.

Ald. HENNESSEY stated that he had received a remonstrance from Mr. John P. Leahy, representing Humphrey Sullivan.

The matter was committed, with the remonstrance, to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:-

14. Four on Ninth St., between K and L Sts., Wd. 14; two on Atkinson St., near Southampton St., Wd. 17; one on P St., near East Second St., Wd. 14; one on Alveston St., opposite Harris St., Wd. 22; one on East Broadway, near P St., Wd. 14; one at the corner of Warren Ave. and Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

E. W. Brewer, of 50 Congress St., for himself and three other abutters, objected to poles on Alveston St., and James McKenna, 648 Third St., and Alden E. Whitmore, 614 Ninth St., objected to poles on Ninth St., and Mary E. Donoghue, 898 Second St., objected to poles on said street.

No further objections; recommitted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

15. Four on Havre St., between Decatur and Maverick Sts., Wd. 2.

Mrs. Mary J. Leary, 82 Havre St., Mrs. O'Neil, 86 Havre St., Patrick Markey, 65 Havre St., and Henry Carstensen, 85 Havre St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections, recommitted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

16. Three on Cedar St., between High St. and Cross St. Ct., Wd. 3.

Mrs. Francis Stowell, for Francis Stowell, 29 High St., Joseph H. Neal, 33 Monument Sq., Eugena White, 8 Cedar St., Frederick L. Brown, for his wife, Elizabeth H. Brown, 27 High St., severally objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

A written remonstrance was also received.

No further objections, recommitted with remonstrance, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

17. Those on Bird St., between Columbia Rd. and Hancock St., Wd. 20.

Charles H. Dolan, 27 Hancock St., George A. Paul, 9 Bird St., P. J. Donovan, 38 Winthrop St., Charlestown, C. A. Woodsome, 145 Stoughton St., Timothy McCarthy, 8 Bird St., Stephen W. Hoppe, 500 Southampton St., and Margaret A. McCluskey, 499 Columbia Rd., severally appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections, recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

18. Thirty-six on Washington St., between Geneva Ave. and School St., Wd. 20.

Johanna Schmehl, corner Harvard and Washington Sts., Mrs. Sarah V. Bass, 415 and 411-413 Washington St., William C. Ewing, for the estate of Marshall P. Wilder, corner Columbia Rd. and Washington St., W. Dudley Cotton, 233 Washington St., Trustee, Edward J. Bahan, 75 Crawford St., Mrs. Ball-Hughes, 1 School St., Dorchester, Louis Heulein, 10 Morse St., George Smith, 8 Gaylord St., Mary A. Boston, 419 Washington St., John Fottler, Jr., 389 Washington St., P. F. Worcester, corner Washington and Bradley Sts., A. T. Davison, M. D., Washington opposite Bradley, E. F. Pierce, 10 Broad St., Charles A. Hall, 424 Washington St., William Van-

dervoort, 434 Washington St., Albert G. Morse, 120 Washington St., George D. Fillebrown, 66 Washington St., and George A. Long, 130 Rosseter St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me, from the number who are here this afternoon protesting against this petition, that the time has about arrived when the electric light and telephone companies should put their wires or conduits underground. Here is a main thoroughfare, one of the main arteries of the Dorchester section, upon which they propose to put more poles. It seems to me that the times warrant some change in the placing of wires, and I think that the number here protesting against it this afternoon speaks columns on the matter. I move that it be recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, that a public hearing be given, and that the parties interested be notified.

It was voted that the matter be recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires and that a public hearing be given.

19. On petition of same company for leave to attach wires and fixtures to trees on Cedar St., between Highland St. and Lambert Ave., Roxbury.

Josiah S. Tappan, for himself and Helen D. Tappan, 80 Cedar St., Joseph Sondheim, 102 Cedar St., for himself and his son Philip J. Sondheim, of 84 Highland St., John B. F. Emery, for C. L. Emery, 71 Cedar St., Mary A. McGovern, 79 Cedar St., Ellen F. Fitzgerald, 89 Cedar St., Emily Heidenreich, 73 Cedar St., Edward Ruhl, 85 Cedar St., Mrs. Bridget O'Brien, 98 Cedar St., Michael Connors, 91 Cedar St., P. F. Finn, 180 Washington St., severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections, recommitted, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:-

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

W. L. Morrison Co., a lantern, at 83 Broad St., Wd. 7.

William H. Sullivan, a sign, at 305 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Alexandra Cava, a gas arc lamp, at 24 Tremont row, Wd. 6.

Boyd Hammond, two barber poles, at 319 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

Benjamin J. Rice, a sign, at 27 Carver St., Wd. 7.

Jose Marchese, a V-shaped sign, at 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.

S. Rabinowitz, a pole with an American flag, at 34-36 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

The Adams Pharmacy, a druggist's mortar, at 249 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Amrhein & Reiser, a sign, at the corner of Broadway and A St., Wd. 15.

M. Frye, two unlettered lamps, at 271-273 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Seskin & Jacobson, an unlettered lamp, at 279 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

John Dennis, a lantern sign, at 22 Water St., Wd. 5.

J. G. Shain, a sign, at 30 Spring St., Wd. 8.

Rogers & Dorr, a gas arc lamp, at 90 Court St., Wd. 6.

Alois Zilg, an illuminated sign, at 314 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

James M. Fitzgerald, an electric sign, at 337 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Duffy Bros., two illuminated signs—one over Cambridge St. and one over Garden St., from building 192 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Soo Wing, an illuminated sign, at 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Max Hurvitz, for compensation for damages caused by a stone wall belonging to the city caving in upon his land on Langdon St. adjoining the Hugh O'Brien School-house estate.

Norris Glaserman, for compensation for personal injuries caused by a stone wall belonging to the city caving in upon land of Max Hurvitz, as above.

Bridget Teevan, for compensation for damages to premises 26 Northampton St. and 3 Fellows St., caused by the bursting of a water main in Northampton St.

Rollie J. Warner, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by a flag sticking up where a trench was being excavated at the corner of Lowell and Coting Sts.

J. B. King Transportation Co., for compensation for damages to schooner "Cabalria" by the "J. Putnam Bradlee."

Mary Toomey, for a hearing on her claim on account of her being injured at the South Ferry.

Albert Porter, for compensation for damages caused by an alleged defect in Pine St.

Charles H. Fagin, for a hearing on his claim for injuries to his horse caused by an accident which occurred on Knox St.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect two poles on Blanche St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Dix St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Clayton St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:-

For leave to erect three poles on Woodville St. and to erect and to remove one pole in West Cottage St., Wd. 17.

For leave to remove nine poles on Centre St. and to remove three poles on South St., Wd. 23.

For leave to remove one pole on Robert St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on Williams St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on Forest Hills St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect one pole on Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect one pole on Cedar St., Wd. 21.

For leave to erect three poles on Ambrose St., Wd. 17.

For leave to erect one pole on Eutaw St., Wd. 1.

American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., that the first named company be allowed to acquire four poles of the second named company on Harrison Ave. between Palmer and Zeigler Sts.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

N. E. Council of Zionists, on Sunday evening, July 17.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, A. F. of L., on the evening of July 20.

Special Committee on Memorial Day.

Reports of Memorial Day expenses of Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, G. A. R.

Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G. A. R.

Joseph Hooker Post 23, G. A. R.

Edward W. Kingsley Post 113, G. A. R.

Maj. G. L. Stearns Post 149, G. A. R.

Gettysburg Post 191, G. A. R.

John A. Hawes Post 159, G. A. R.

Thomas Francis Meagher Command No. 3, U. V. U.

Gen. Joseph Hooker Command No. 9, U. V. U.

Tri-Mountain Garrison No. 2, R. A. & N. U.

Maj. M. J. O'Connor Camp No. 4, L. S. W. V.

Ensign Worth Bagley Camp No. 6, L. S. W. V.

Roger Wolcott Camp 26, L. S. W. V.

Edward M. Cunningham Camp 32, L. S. W. V.

Roxbury Command 291, U. S. W. V.

M. Henry Crane Command 245, U. S. W. V.

Licenses.

George L. Layman, for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot corner of D and Fourth Sts., for two weeks beginning July 25.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, viz.:-

Alfred Higgins, Trustee, at Knights of Honor Hall, 730 Washington St.

C. E. Love, at hall, 694 Washington St.

Thomas Blanchard, at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St.

Adam Varnock, at Legion of Honor Hall, 200 Huntington Ave.

John Booth, at Booth Hall, Bennington St.

Clarence Cobb, at Hollis Hall, 789 Washington St.

Fred T. Bridge, at Jubilee Hall, 646 Warren St., Roxbury.

Fred T. Bridge, at Highland Hall, 203 Warren St., Roxbury.

Mutual Investment Club, at halls 31-33 Central Sq., E. B.

Charles F. Von Euw, at Conant's Hall, 20 Court St.

Public Improvements.

The Whiton & Haynes Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Magazine St. and Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17.

H. P. Whitcomb, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk at 94 Compton St., Wd. 9.

John J. Hartnett and Hugh H. McInnes (two petitions), each to be paid for damages to his estate on E. Sixth St., caused by the change of grade of said street.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

D. M. Herlihy, cor. 50 Harold St. and Hollander St., Wd. 21.

Allen C. Jones, 56 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Boston University Law School, Ashburton Pl., Wd. 8.

James J. Sullivan, 32 Clifton St., Wd. 17.

C. A. Woodsome, 10-16 Bird St., Wd. 20.

City of Boston, Schoolhouse Commissioners, at Minot Schoolhouse, Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

DEPTH OF SHIP CHANNELS, BOSTON HARBOR.

Ald. BALDWIN presented a communication from Congressman William S. McNary asking that a committee of the Board be appointed on the matter of the depth of the ship channels in Boston Harbor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE called up No. 20, unfinished business, viz.:-

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

20. Clarence O. Duston, Alfred H. Goodwin, Henry B. Heise, and Walter C. Katzman, to be weighers of beef for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Baldwin and Frothingham. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes, 11; and the several appointments were confirmed.

PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS, ETC.

Ald. WHELTON called up No. 21, special assignment, viz.:-

21. Ordered, That chapter 449 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Boston to make payments to the widows or next of kin of its deceased employees"—be and is hereby accepted. The Act was accepted, yeas 12. Sent down.

ARBITRATION DECISION.

Notice was received from the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, in compliance with Revised Laws, Chap. 106, Sec. 3, of its decision in the matter of the joint application of J. R. Whipple & Co., and Vasil Mackay, an engineer lately employed by the said firm.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

Constables' bonds of Thomas S. Doherty and Ludwig Ostermeyer were received, duly approved by the City Treasurer. It was voted that the said bonds be approved by the Board.

HARBOR & LAND HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Board of Harbor & Land Commissioners of hearings by said Board, as follows:—

On July 6th, on petition of City of Boston for approval of plans for building the Northern Ave. bridge.

On July 13, on petition of the B. & A. R. R. Co. (N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co., lessee), for license to reconstruct Pier 3, at East Boston.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE FROM RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

A notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing July 14 on petition of New England Railroad Co., for fixing of route of proposed extension in West Roxbury, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SALE OF PETROLEUM.

Notices were received from the Fire Commissioner of his approval of the following petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale petroleum and its products:—

Mass. Automobile Club, at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Oldsmobile Company of New England, at 33 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

Maynard Automobile Company, at 39-391 Norfolk St., Wd. 24.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall, as follows:—

Federal Council 466, Knights of Columbus (referred June 27), on November 30.

N. E. Council of Zionists (referred today), on Sunday evening, July 17.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America, A. F. of L. (referred today), on the evening of July 20.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and

their families in the City of Boston, under Chapter 79 of the Revised Laws, for the month of July, and thereafter until otherwise ordered by the Board, in accordance with an annexed list; the amounts so paid to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 52 newsboys, 9 boot-blacks and seven vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of George L. Layman (referred today), for a license for a merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot cor. D and Fourth Sts. for two weeks, beginning July 25—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of Martin H. Ryan, agent (referred April 11), for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Atlantic Hall, 284 Commercial St., Wd. 6, for the season ending August 1, 1904—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, at his own request.

Report accepted.

SIGNS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions:—

North End Union (referred June 13), for leave to project a flag-pole from third story of building 20 Parmenter St., Wd. 6.

E. J. Nunes (referred June 27), for leave to stretch two flags across Marion St., Wd. 2, from July 2 to 5, inclusive.

Patrick Doherty (referred last year), for leave to project two bay windows from building 375-379 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Lucido Capozzoli (referred last year), for leave to project one bay window from building No. 210 North St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted.

(2) Report on the petition of Osias Herbsman (referred June 27), for leave to project a sign at 76 Leverett St., Wd. 8—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions:—

John J. Williams (referred June 20), a balcony, Bowen St., rear 96 West Sixth St., Wd. 13.

Petitions referred June 27th, viz.:—

Mrs. Helen Macaulay, a sign, at 9A Park Sq., Wd. 7.

George T. Geer, a sign, 695 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Israel Sternburg, an unlettered lamp, at 975 Washington St.

Smith & Kcrissey, an illuminated sign, 16 Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

Tony Bertolami, an illuminated sign, 562½ Shawmut Ave., Wd. 12.

J. M. McCracken, a V-shaped sign, 31 John St., Wd. 6.

Charles Ditson, 2 unlettered lanterns, 451 Washington St., Wd. 7.

A. B. Gill, 3 barber poles, 129A Main St., Wd. 5.

S. Rabinowich, an unlettered lamp, 2026 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Louis Moshkovith, a showcase, at 26 Brattle St., Wd. 6.

Petitions referred today, as follows:—

M. Frye, 2 unlettered lamps, 271-3 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Seskin & Jacobson, an unlettered lamp, 279 Hanover St., Wd. 6.
J. G. Shain, a sign, 30 Spring St., Wd. 8.
Alexander Cava, a gas arc lamp, 24 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Jose Marchese, a V-shaped sign, 673 Washington St., Wd. 7.
W. L. Morrison Co., a lantern, 88 Broad St., Wd. 7.

Benjamin J. Rice, a sign, at 27 Carver St., Wd. 7.

Rogers & Dorr, a gas arc lamp, at 90 Court St., Wd. 6.

Amrhein & Reiser, a sign, corner Broadway and A St., Wd. 15.

Soo Wing, an illuminated sign, 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Duffy Bros., two illuminated signs, one over Garden St., and the other over Cambridge St., from building 192 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

James M. Fitzgerald, an electric sign, at 337 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Alois Zilg, an illuminated sign, at 314 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

William H. Sullivan, a sign, 305 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John Dennis, a lantern sign, 22 Water St., Wd. 5.

Boston Hotel Co. (referred today), for leave to project a marquee at 423 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw: American Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Massachusetts (recommitted April 4), for leave to erect one pole on Dudley St., cor. Harrison Ave., Wd. 17.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect poles as follows:—

Seven poles in Van Winkle St., Wd. 24. (Petition recommitted Mch. 21).

Three poles in Bellevue St., Wd. 20; (petition referred June 13).

Three poles in Ware St. and six in Rill St., Wd. 20 (recommitted March 21).

Five poles in Ashmont St., Wd. 24 (recommitted Feb. 29).

Seven poles in Richfield St., and six in Barry St., (recommitted Mch. 21).

Reports severally accepted.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, August 1, 1904, at 3 P.M., in petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (severally referred today), for leave to erect poles as follows:—

Three poles in Woodville St., Wd. 17 (and to relocate one pole on West Cottage St., Wd. 17).

One pole in Williams St., Wd. 23.

One pole in Forest Hills St., cor. Washington St., Wd. 22.

One pole in Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

One pole in Cedar St., Wd. 21.

Three poles in Ambrose St., Wd. 17.

One pole in Eutaw St., Wd. 1.

Also reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on the same day on the following petitions:—

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., (referred June 27) for leave to erect three poles on Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20.

Board of Police (referred June 27) for leave to erect posts for police signal boxes on Highland St., near Eliot Sq., and in other locations.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to trim a tree in front of estate No. 90 P

St., South Boston, and also one in front of estate No. 294 West Fifth St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree standing in front of estate 75 Pearl St., Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 42 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a dead tree standing in front of 56 Magnolia St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

STREET LIGHTING.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp in passageway off Columbus Ave., between Massachusetts Ave. and Northampton St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light in front of 31 Porter St., Wd. 2; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a lamp in passageway from 201 Green St., Wd. 23; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

INFORMATION FROM REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Register of Deeds for Suffolk County be hereby requested to report to this Board at its next meeting a list of the employees in his office, giving the residence and salary in each case.

Passed.

REPAIR OF FOURTH ST.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place the edgestones and sidewalks on West Fourth St., between F St. and Dorchester St., Wd. 14, in proper condition for public travel.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF EDISON GREEN.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put Edison Green, Wd. 16, in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF ELM HILL AVE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to

close the roadway on Elm Hill Ave., between Wenonah and Howland Sts., Wd. 21, to public travel, for a period of fourteen days, or during the construction of sewerage works in said street.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893, as follows:—

Both sides of Bullard St., between Rosseter and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon.

Both sides of Washington St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard St., Wd. 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon.

Also a similar order, offered by Ald. QUIGLEY, for a sidewalk along Nos. 14, 16, 28, 30 and 32 New St., Wd. 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon, to be built of brick and block stone, with granite edgestone.

Orders severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS.

At this point a recess was taken, at 3.53 P.M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman, at 6.05 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the Mass. Automobile Club (referred today), for license to store and keep petroleum and its products at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual condition.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders (severally referred June 27), in concurrence with the Common Council:—

Order requesting the Board of Street Commissioners to accept Alger St., Wd. 15, as a public way.

Order requesting the said Board to accept Bayswater St., Orient Heights, as a public way.

Reports severally accepted; said orders passed in concurrence.

(3) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders (severally referred today):—

Order requesting the Superintendent of Public Grounds to trim a tree in front of 75 Pearl St., Charlestown.

Order requesting the said Superintendent to remove a tree in front of 42 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17.

Order requesting said Superintendent to remove a tree in front of 56 Magnolia St.

Order requesting said Superintendent to put Edison Green, Wd. 16, in proper condition for public travel.

Order requesting the Superintendent of Lamps to locate a lamp in passageway off Columbus Ave., between Mass. Ave. and Northampton St.

Order requesting the said Superintendent to locate an electric light in front of 31 Porter St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; said orders severally passed.

(4) Reports recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the estates of the following-named petitioners, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be

from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the material specified, the owners to furnish materials:—

Ada J. Hayden (referred June 20), 43-45 Vale St., Wd. 16; brick.

Louis Segel (referred June 27), 202-04 Bremen St., Wd. 2; brick.

Georgiana J. Ridler (referred June 24), 21 Rockwell St., Wd. 24; gravel.

P. O'Hearn (referred June 27), 6 Corwin St.; gravel.

Cornelius E. Rogers (referred June 27), 71 Harbor View St., Wd. 20; brick.

John J. Johnston (referred June 27), 148 Harold St., Wd. 21; artificial stone.

P. O'Hearn (referred June 27), 1591-1595 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

George E. Atherton, Trustee (referred last year), 186-200 Franklin St., Wd. 7; artificial stone.

H. K. Wing (referred June 20), 119-123 Causeway St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Brummett & Starrett (referred June 20), 61 Dix St., Wd. 24; artificial stone.

William F. Bryan (referred June 20), 85 Auckland St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports on orders (severally referred today) that sidewalks be built under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893 on certain streets—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:—

Washington St., between Blue Hill Ave. and Harvard Sts., Wd. 20; gravel.

14, 16, 28, 30 & 32 New St., Wd. 2, brick and block stone.

Bullard St., between Rosseter and Bowdoin Sts., Wd. 20, gravel.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Reports, that no action is necessary, on the following:—

Order (referred June 6), for the appointment of a special committee on the Dedication of the Joseph Warren Statue.

Order (referred Feb. 1), requesting the Committee on Legislative Matters to oppose any increase by the Legislature of the salaries of the Board of Police, etc.

Order (referred June 27), permitting the firing of firecrackers, etc., on July Fourth between 12.01 and 11.59 P. M.

Reports severally accepted.

(7) Report on the order (referred June 16) appropriating \$20,000 by loan for the erection of a memorial to Col. Fred B. Bogan—Recommending reference of the same to the Committee on Finance.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(8) Report on the communication from Hon. William S. McNary (referred today) suggesting the appointment of a committee on the matter of the depth of channels in Boston Harbor—Recommending that the said communication be printed as a public document, and that the matter be referred to a special committee of five members of the Board of Aldermen.

Report accepted; recommendations adopted, and the Chairman appointed as said committee, Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Slattery, Bresnahan and Whelton.

(9) Reports recommending that the following veto messages of His Honor the Mayor be placed on file, and that the said vetoes be sustained, viz.:—

Vetoing permits to John McGinness (referred Feb. 15), to maintain news stand corner Endicott and Cooper Sts., Wd. 6.

Vetoing permits for night lunch carts to Lewis Belmont at corner Summer St., and Atlantic Ave., and to Hugh J. Morrison at corner Haymarket Sq. and Canal St. (referred Feb. 15).

Vetoing license to Forepaugh & Sells Bros. for a circus (referred Apr. 2).

Vetoing permit to Henry C. Richards to put block in sidewalk at 174 Hanover St., (referred June 6).

Vetoing permit to Thomas F. Killcen to

put barber pole in sidewalk at 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19, (referred June 27).

Vetoing permit to Antonio Giordano to put barber pole on sidewalk at 677 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12, (referred June 27).

Vetoing permit to Abe Brest to place sign on tree at 38 Lowell St., Wd. 8, (referred June 27).

The reports were severally accepted, and the Board refused to grant the permits over the mayor's vetoes, yeas 0, nays 13.

(10) Report on the petition of The Whiton & Haynes Co. (referred today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to The Whiton & Haynes Co. to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows: three in Magazine St., and three in Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17, for use during the erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(11) Report on the petition of H. P. Whitcomb (referred today)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. P. Whitcomb to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 5 ft. x 4 ft., with iron grating and solid iron covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 94 Compton St., Wd. 9; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(12) Report on the report of the Committee on Railroads on the petition of the Directors of the New England Railroad Co. for an agreement as to a route for branch of the said railroad from a point in West Roxbury to the Town of Dedham—recommending the passage of the following:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, July 11, 1904.

At a meeting of the Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at the City Hall in Boston, on the 11th day of July, 1904, it appearing that due notice of the application of the Directors of the New England Railroad Company, presented to the Board March 14, 1904, asking the Mayor and Aldermen to agree with the Directors upon a route of the proposed branch or extension of the road of said company in the Towns of Needham and Dedham in the County of Norfolk and in the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and of a hearing thereon April 4, 1904, has been given agreeably to the order of notice required by Statute and made by the Board thereon; and all parties asking to be heard having been fully heard upon such application; and it appearing that the Board of Railroad Commissioners have certified that public convenience and necessity require such branch or extension to be constructed, and this Board having examined the map and profile of the proposed route and the Engineer's report upon the construction of said branch, which have been submitted to them with said petition, all of which, together with the evidence of the publication and posting of said notice, are now on file with the City Clerk.

It is Ordered, that the Mayor and Aldermen do agree with the Directors of the New England Railroad Company upon the route of such proposed branch or extension in the City of Boston, as the same is shown upon said map, and that the Board do sign and give to said Directors a certificate setting forth said route.

The foregoing order to take effect only

on the condition that the Old Colony Railroad Company assents to the abrogation of the agreement between it and the City of Boston authorized under the provisions of section three, Chapter 519, Acts of 1897, and agrees with all the parties in interest that the cost of abolition of the grade crossing of Dorchester Ave. and the Old Colony Railroad in the City of Boston be apportioned in the manner prescribed by the general laws for abolishing grade crossings of railroads and public ways.

Report accepted; preamble and order passed, yeas 8, nays 5:—

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Frothingham, Slattery—5.

(13) Report on the notice from the Board of Railroad Commissioners (referred today) of a hearing to be held by the said Board on July 14 on the petition of the New England Railroad Co. for the fixing of a route of the proposed West Roxbury branch extension etc.—Recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted; said notice placed on file.

Later in the session, Ald. BOWEN offered an order—that the City Clerk notify the Railroad Commissioners that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston has taken action this day on the petition of the Directors of the New England Railroad, asking this Board to agree with said Directors on a route for a branch line from West Roxbury to the Dedham line.

Passed.

WAITING ROOM, ROSLINDALE.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to establish a waiting room at the junction of Washington and South Sts., Roslindale.

Passed.

SEWER IN MONTCLAIR ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to complete sewer on Montclair St. at the earliest possible date.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HAND RAILS, SOUTH ST. SUBWAY.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have hand rails placed on wall on subway under South St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SETTEES ON MOTLEY HILL.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to place settees on Motley Hill portion of Arboretum Park, from Forest Hills portion to Roslindale.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

IMPROVEMENT OF COHASSET ST., ETC.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to put in proper condition Cohasset, Birch and Amherst Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

G. A. R. COMFORT STATIONS.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the Commit-

tee on Public Comfort of the G. A. R. National Encampment to place and maintain during the National Encampment in August of this year small tents over such manholes in Newbury St. and adjacent streets as the said Committee may deem necessary.

Passed.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I would inquire from the Chair whether the Corporation Counsel has sent an opinion to this Board on the order offered by myself at the last meeting?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has no knowledge of any such communication having been received.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, August 1, 1904, at three o'clock P.M., and that hearings assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

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GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. SLATTERY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, at 615 P.M., to meet on Monday, August 1, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, August 1, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Frothingham, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to the approval of the Board:—

(1) James A. Sweeney (109 Hudson St.), to be a Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures for the term ending April 30, 1905, in place of John L. Donovan, who has this day resigned the said office.

(2) James Fraser (41 Princeton St., Wd. 1) to be a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1905, in place of John S. Harkins, deceased.

Severally laid over, under the law.

SIGN, 9½ HARRISON AVE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 15, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval the vote of your Board giving permission to Sao Wing to project "an illuminated sign" at 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

The petition shows that the sign is not an illuminated sign, and that it is proposed to project the sign a greater distance from the building than the statute allows.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SALE OF PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM
—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 20, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your vote giving permission to the Massachusetts Automobile Club to store oils composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Chapter 370 of the acts of the present year, which went into effect June 22, 1904, requires the Mayor and Aldermen of cities, before authorizing the use of a building for the above purpose, to give "a public hearing, fourteen days public notice of which shall be given at the expense of the applicant." No public hearing was given in the present instance, and the vote passed by your Board is therefore void.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 13, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the order of the Commission on the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston dividing the City, in accordance with Chapter 333 of the acts of the present year, into two districts, in one

of which (District A) buildings may be erected to a height of not exceeding 125 feet, and in the other (District B) to a height of not exceeding 80 feet.

This document should be placed in your files.

Your respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, Tremont Building, Room 1141.

Boston, July 5, 1904.

Honorable P. A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston, Massachusetts:

Sir:—The Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston has this day signed and filed in the Registry of Deeds for this County an order establishing certain districts A and B as provided in Chapter three hundred and thirty-three of the Acts of the current year. A copy of said order is herewith enclosed.

Yours very truly,

N. Matthews, Jr., Chairman.

(Order of July 5, 1904.)

The undersigned having been appointed on June seventh, 1904, by the Mayor of the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter three hundred and thirty-three of the Acts of 1904, to be the members of the Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, and having immediately given notice and public hearings as provided in said act, hereby on this fifth day of July, 1904, make the following order establishing the boundaries of the districts in said city, designated in said act as districts A and B, to wit:

A. The boundaries of the districts A, hereby established, are as follows, to wit:

1. Beginning on the northerly side of that part of the said City known as East Boston at the Chelsea-St. Bridge, thence running southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly through the centre of Chelsea St. to Eagle Sq., thence westerly through said Eagle Sq. and the centre of Eagle St. to Glendon St., thence northerly through the centre of said Glendon St. to Condor St., thence westerly through the centre of said Condor St. to Border St., thence southerly and southwesterly through the centre of said Border St. to Sumner St., thence southeasterly through the centre of said Sumner St. to Orleans St., thence southwesterly through the centre of said Orleans St. to Marginal St., thence southeasterly and easterly through the centre of said Marginal St. to Jeffries St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Marginal St. to Jeffries St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Jeffries St. to Maverick St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Maverick St. to the location of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, thence northerly and northeasterly along the said Railroad to the property of the said city known as Wood Island Park, thence southeasterly along the line dividing the said property of the said City from the property of the East Boston Company and the property of the Commonwealth to the harbor, thence southwesterly, westerly, northwesterly, northerly, northeasterly and easterly along the said harbor and Chelsea Creek, around the said East Boston to the point of beginning at said Chelsea-St. Bridge; meaning to include in the said District A all those portions of Wds. 1 and 2 of the said City, as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

2. Beginning on the southerly side of that part of said City known as Charlestown at the Charlestown Bridge, thence running northwesterly through the centre of said Bridge and the approaches thereof to a point on said approaches immediately over the centre of the arch connecting Warren Ave. with Water St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Water St., to the property of the United States known as the United States

Navy Yard, thence northwesterly along the southwesterly boundary line of said property of the United States to Chelsea St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Chelsea St. to Medford St., thence northwesterly and westerly through the centre of said Medford St. to the junction of said Medford St., Bunker Hill St. and Main St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Main St. to the property of the said City known as the Charlestown Playground, thence northeasterly along the southerly boundary of said Playground to the Mystic River, thence easterly, southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly along said Mystic River and the harbor around said Charlestown to the point of beginning at said Charlestown Bridge; meaning to include in the said District A all those portions of Wds. 3, 4 and 5 of the said City as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

3. Beginning on the easterly side of that part of the said City known as the City Proper at the Congress Street Bridge, thence running southeasterly across said bridge to that of the said City known as South Boston, thence northeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, westerly, southerly and easterly around the northerly part of South Boston and the Reserved Channel, so called, to the point on the southerly boundary of said Reserved Channel where Q St. extended northerly would meet the said Channel, thence southerly through the centre of said Q St. to East First St., thence westerly through the centre of East First St. to I St., thence southerly through the centre of said I St. to East Second St., thence westerly through the centre of said East Second St. to the junction of said East Second St., Dorchester St. and West First St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said West First St. to Dorchester Ave., thence southerly through the centre of said Dorchester Ave. to a public or private way known as Carnegie St., thence westerly through the centre of said Carnegie St. to the location of the Old Colony Railroad, thence southerly along said Railroad to Southampton St., thence westerly through the centre of said Southampton St. to Massachusetts Ave., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Massachusetts Ave. to Albany St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Albany St. to Broadway, thence northwesterly through the centre of said Broadway to Washington St., thence northwesterly across said Washington St. and through the centre of Pleasant St. to Park Sq., thence northerly through the centre of said Park Sq. to Boylston St., thence easterly through the centre of Boylston St. to Tremont St., thence northerly and northeasterly through the centre of said Tremont St. to Park St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Park St. to Beacon St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Beacon St. to Bowdoin St., thence northerly through the centre of said Bowdoin St. to Cambridge St., thence westerly through the centre of said Cambridge St. to Staniford St., thence northerly through the centre of Staniford St. to Green St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Green St. to Leverett St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Leverett St. to the Charles River at Craigie Bridge, thence northeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, southerly, and southwesterly by the said Charles River, and the said harbor around the said City Proper to the point of beginning at said Congress St. Bridge; meaning to include in said District A, the whole of Wd. 6 and all those portions of Wds. 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, of the said city as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

B. The boundaries of Districts B hereby established are as follows, to wit:—

1. All those portions of said Wds. 1 and 2 which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Chelsea-St. Bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

2. All those portions of said Wds. 3, 4 and 5 which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Charlestown Bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

3. The whole of Wds. 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, of the said City, as now established by law and all those portions of said Wds. 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Congress-St. Bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

Meaning to include in the said Districts B, all those portions of the said City not included in the Districts hereinbefore established as Districts A.

Wherever in this order the words "harbor," "river," "creek," are found, the same are intended to mean the furthest line towards deep water on said harbor, river or creek respectively on which the erection of wharves or other structures is permitted by the State and United States authorities.

In witness whereof, the undersigned hereto set their hands this fifth day of July, 1904.

Nathan Matthews, Jr.,

Joseph A. Conry,

Henry Parkman,

Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston.

Boston, July 5, 1904.

Then personally appeared the abovesigned Nathan Matthews, Jr., Joseph A. Conry and Henry Parkman, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed.

John E. Rousmaniere,

Justice of the Peace.

Sent down.

LEGACY FOR WESTERLY CEMETERY.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 20, 1904.

To the City Council:—

The late Robert Charles Billings, by his will, left to the City of Boston a legacy of \$5000, with the condition that the said sum constitute a permanent fund, the income thereof to be used for the care and improvement of Westerly Cemetery, on Centre St., West Roxbury.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order accepting the legacy and agreeing to comply with the condition thereof.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

In Board of Aldermen, Aug. 1, 1904.

Ordered: That the City of Boston hereby gratefully accepts the gift of Five Thousand Dollars made to said City by Thomas Minns, surviving executor of the will of Robert Charles Billings, from the remainder of the estate distributed by him in accordance with the terms of said will and decrees of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, dated April 1, 1903, and May 26, 1904.

Ordered: That said City also hereby accepts the condition of said gift making said sum a permanent fund of Five Thousand Dollars for the care and improvement of the Westerly Cemetery, Centre St., West Roxbury.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of the City, to accept the above legacy and to invest the same and to pay the income thereof to the Board of Cemetery Trustees to be expended by them for the care and improvement of said Westerly Cemetery in accordance with the condition of said gift.

Orders passed, Message and orders sent down.

PAYMENT FOR CITY LAND TAKEN.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., August 1, 1904.

To the City Council:—

The Metropolitan Park Commission, in the year 1895, took by right of eminent domain 8-10 of an acre of marsh land in the rear of Western Ave., Brighton. The Commission is willing to pay the City for this land at the same rate at which it paid the adjacent land-owners, provided the City will, as the adjacent land-owners have already done, establish a building line on the remaining land.

The passage of the accompanying order would make the establishment of such a building line possible, and I recommend its passage.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to settle the claim of the City of Boston against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the eight-tenths (8-10) of an acre of marsh land, in the rear of Western Ave., Brighton, taken by the Metropolitan Park Commission in 1895 for park purposes, and that, in making such settlement, he be authorized to establish a building line and to make such other restrictions on the remaining land as he shall deem proper.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

R. R. CROSSING AT ADDISON ST.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., July 15, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting authority to make an agreement permitting the Department employees to cross the railroad tracks in Addison St., East Boston.

The railroad companies are willing to grant the permission if the City will agree to indemnify the companies for any accidents which may occur because of the City's employees crossing their tracks.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying preambles and order giving the authority desired.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall,

Boston, Mass., July 11, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

I have the honor to inclose draft of proposed order which this department respectfully requests to have transmitted to the City Council, authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make an agreement with the Boston & Maine Railroad Company and the Boston & Albany Railroad Company for the temporary crossing of the tracks of these companies during the construction of a sewer in Addison St., East Boston. This involves no expenditure of money by this department, and the contractor will assume all the risk arising from the use of said crossings.

Respectfully,

H. V. Macksey, Acting Superintendent of Streets.

Whereas, In doing the work of building a sewer in Addison St., East Boston, it has become necessary to cross the tracks and locations of the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Boston & Albany Railroad Companies; and

Whereas, Said companies refuse to permit persons doing the work to cross said locations unless the City agrees to indemnify and hold harmless said railroad companies from any injury or damage which may happen to persons using said locations;

Be It Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign on behalf of the City an agreement with said Boston & Maine and said Boston

& Albany Railroad Companies concerning the temporary use of said locations for said crossings, and to indemnify and hold said railroad companies harmless from any damage which may occur while the City is at work upon said sewer and using said crossings.

Referred, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

GRADE CROSSINGS, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Aug. 1, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

It has been decided advisable to abolish all of the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad between Freeport St., Dorchester, and Neponset, at the same time that those at Freeport and Adams Sts., are abolished. An order has already been passed providing for the appointment of a Commission to consider the abolition of the grade crossings at Freeport and Adams Sts., and I recommend the passage of the accompanying preambles and order authorizing this Commission, when appointed, to also contrive to plan for the abolition of the other grade crossings.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Engineering Department, 50 City Hall,

July 30, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:—

Sir—On Aug. 28, 1903, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen petitioned the Superior Court for the abolition of the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company at Freeport St. and Adams St. Studies of different methods of abolishing these crossings have been made, and it has been found that the abolishment of these crossings involves others, and the enclosed order has been prepared by Corporation Counsel Thomas M. Babson, Esq., to provide for the abolishment of the necessary additional grade crossings.

Yours respectfully,

William Jackson, City Engineer.

Whereas, on August 28, 1903, this Board voted to petition the Justices of the Superior Court to consider and provide for the abolition of the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Freeport St. and Adams St., in the Dorchester District; and

Whereas, it is expedient and necessary that when the grade crossings of said streets are abolished there should be included in the work the following streets, Park, Elm, Mill, Clayton and Freeman Sts., and Dorchester Ave;

Be it Ordered, That the Justices of the Superior Court, sitting in equity for the County of Suffolk, be, and they are hereby, petitioned to appoint a hearing on the matter of the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company at Freeport, Adams, Park, Elm, Mill, Clayton and Freeman Sts., and Dorchester Ave., in the Dorchester District of said Boston, to notify said Company, and to appoint a commission of three disinterested persons to consider and provide for the abolition of said grade crossings under the provisions of Revised Laws, Chapter III, and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto, as in the opinion of this Board it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that alterations should be made in said crossings, in the approaches thereto, in the location of said railroad or streets, or in the grades thereof, so as to avoid crossings at grade.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE, B. & M. R.R.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Aug. 1, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication received from the General Baggage Agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad in reference to unclaimed baggage, upon which action should be taken by your Board.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston & Maine R. R.
General Baggage Department,

Boston, July 29, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, Boston, Mass.:

Dear Sir: We have on hand in the store room provided for the purpose a large quantity of unclaimed baggage, which has been regularly advertised, as provided for in Chap. 96 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, and I am desirous of selling same at public auction at as early a date as possible. In accordance with Section 2 of Chapter 96 of the Public Statutes, I respectfully request that you appoint a Committee of the Board of Aldermen to view same, and authorize its sale. Will you please appoint a Committee, also a day, when it will be convenient for them to call at this office, and I will conduct them to the store room where they can make the necessary inspection.

Respectfully yours,

C. J. Wiggins, G. B. A.

The Chairman appointed Ald. Slattery and Whelton a special committee to examine the above unclaimed baggage.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Charles E. Cotting and Francis C. Welch, trustees, for leave to construct the building bounded by Washington, Essex Sts., Harrison Ave. and Hayward Pl., below grade 12.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

Abraham Hochman, a watch sign, at 88 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Robert J. Noonan, two barber poles, at 29 Henley St., Wd. 5.

James T. Maguire, an unlettered lamp, at 338 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Marshall & De Vito, three signs, at 47 Court St., Wd. 6.

John Wesberg, an illuminated sign, at 10 Howard St., Wd. 6.

James Solomont & Bro., an electric sign, at 48 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Pasquale Cataldo, a watch sign, at 230 North St., Wd. 6.

Con Keefe, an unlettered lamp, at 8 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

Con Keefe, an unlettered lamp, at 779 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Sol Aronson, five unlettered lamps, at 2-10 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Frank Bertino, two small barber poles, at 79 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Wm. F. O'Hearn & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 130 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

A. Caristi, an unlettered lamp, at 1057 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Joseph P. Whelan, two unlettered lamps, at 460 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Frederick Edwards, 610 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Vito Carfagno, a sign, at 512 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

Sam Laura, a barber pole, at 1272 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Boode, Dunson, Henry Co., an illuminated sign, at 739 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 18.

A. Berry & Co., an electric sign, at 148 Lenox St., Wd. 18.

I. Heller, a sign, at 94 Green St., Wd. 22.

Mattapan Pharmacy (Thomas F. Fallon,

President), a sign, at 1643 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

L. P. Benet & Co., an illuminated sign, at 162 Canal St., Wd. 8.

Soo Wing, an illuminated sign, at 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Electric Wires.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect three poles on Main St., Wd. 4.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to remove two poles from Central Sq., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect one pole on Ruggles St., near Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Adams St., near Baker's Court, Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove three poles on Rockwell St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect poles on St. James, Oakland, Westminster, School, Marcella, Thornton and Valentine Sts., and to erect and to remove one pole each on Circuit St., Wd. 21, and Boylston St., Wd. 23.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:—

For leave to erect two poles and to remove one pole on Bennington St., between Prescott and Chelsea Sts., and three poles on Chelsea St., between Bennington and Shelby Sts., Wd. —

For leave to erect two poles on Decatur St., between Liverpool and London Sts., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect two poles on Orleans St., Wd. 2, between Sumner and Webster Sts.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

N. E. Anti-Imperialist League, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of August 1, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

James L. Kingston, for the removal of a tree at 81 Cedar St., Wd. 21.

Licenses.

The Emergency Hospital, for a permit for Donna Walt and other children under fifteen years of age to appear at an entertainment at Armory Grove, on July 30, 1904.

Walter McNally, for a license for a merry-go-round on lot corner Hunneman St. and Harrison Ave., for two weeks beginning Aug. 1, 1904.

Interstate Exhibition Association for a license for the Commercial Travelers' Exposition at the Mechanics Building October 3 to 29, inclusive.

Thomas J. Burke, et al., in favor of the granting of an amusement license to Joseph R. Benn at 330 Tremont St.

Remonstrance of Henry and Caroline Mayer against the granting of an amusement license to Bertha Sampson or any other person at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, viz.:—

Lawrence McCarty, at the Boston Theatre, Washington St.

J. H. Emery, at the Castle Square Theatre 421 Tremont St.

L. H. Mudgett, Manager, at Symphony Hall, Huntington and Massachusetts Aves.

Mass Charitable Mechanic Association, at Mechanic Building, Huntington Ave.

John B. Schoeffel, at the Tremont Theatre, 176 Tremont St.

G. E. Lathrop, at the Bowdoin Square Theatre.

George L. Batcheller, at the Lyceum Theatre, 665-67 Washington St.

Wm. McAvoy, lessee, at the Howard Athenaeum, Howard St.

Waldron & Dunn, at the Palace Theatre, 109-111 Court St.

Stone & Shaw, at Austin & Stone's Museum, 4 Tremont Row.

L. B. Walker, at the Nickelodeon, 51-53 Hanover St.

L. B. Walker, at Walker's Museum and Theatre, 3 Coolidge Bldg., Bowdoin Sq.

L. B. Walker, at Partridge Hall, 53 Hanover St.

Estate of William H. Hill, at Chickering Hall, 299 Huntington Ave.

Bertha Sampson, at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Wesley J. Furlong, at Shaw Veteran Association Hall, 99 Cambridge St.

F. W. Strickland, at 1031 Washington St.

J. R. Benn, at Casino Hall, 830 Tremont St.

Kossuth Hall Association, at Kossuth Hall, 1095 Tremont St.

Israel Goldberg, at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St.

Thomas R. O'Connor, at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St.

Paine Memorial Corporation, at Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St.

M. Shenkel, at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St.

I. Greenburg, at Minot Hall, 68 W. Springfield St.

M. Greenberg, at Union Park Halls, 1371 Washington St.

Harry Rosenberg, at Schwartz Hall, 15 Leverett St.

Louis A. Ginsberg, at Webster Hall, East Boston.

W. B. Hayford, at Bethesda Hall, Broadway and F Sts.

William J. Nolan, at Tonti Hall, 327 E. St.

Henry G. Allbright, at Winthrop Hall, Columbia Rd.

M. Roughan, at Roughan Hall, City Sq.

Houghton & Dutton, at Monument Hall, Hancock Sq.

Horn & Jackson, at Knights of Honor Hall, 4255 Washington St.

Railroads.

West End Street Railway Co., for location for a curve track at the northerly corner of Dorchester and E. Eighth Sts., with the right to use the single trolley electric system of motive power thereon.

Memorial Day.

Report of Kearsarge Association of Naval Veterans of Memorial Day expenses.

Claims.

Bennie Bunshoft, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in the highway on the Barton-Ct. side of estate 69 Barton St.

William C. Eichorn, for compensation for damage to his wagon from collision with the limb of a tree on Greenville St., Roxbury.

John W. Curtis, for compensation for injuries to his son William, caused by an alleged defect in front of 98 D St., July 16, 1904.

Public Improvements.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

J. Goldman, 333 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

J. Albert Walper, 68-70 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Proctor Estate, 103-115 Providence St., and 324-334 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Patrick Tivnan, 5 Washburn St., Wd. 16.

William H. Crosby, 137 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Joseph F. Loring et als., at 47, 49, 55, 75, 77, 81 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 30.

Bridget McGrath, 12 Hulbert St., Wd. 21.

First German Baptist Church of Boston, 436-438 Centre St., Wd. 22.

William A. Whittemore, 53, 57, 61 Hancock St., Wd. 20.

W. H. Crosby, 139-143 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

K. Wellensty, 25-27 Bower St. and 63 Sherman St., Wd. 21.

Leonardo Gaetani, 23 East St., Wd. 20.

George W. Richardson, 12 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Phebe T. and Lucretia T. Chamberlain, 14 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Phila Whitaker, 20 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

Peter Kelly, 37-41 Calumet St., Wd. 19.

Mrs. C. J. Bowen, 88 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

Winthrop B. Robinson, 107 Rosseter St., Wd. 20.

Thomas H. Hanlon, 1721 Dorchester Ave., and 2 Mather St., Wd. 24.

Andrea Chiesa, 38-40 Cooper St. and 101 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

A. A. Chittenden, 51-53 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20.

C. E. Rogers, 71 Harbor View St., Wd. 20.

Florence M. M. Shields, 755 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

Communications from Hugh H. McInnes and John J. Hartnett, each agreeing upon an extension of time to September 30, 1904, for determination by the Board of Aldermen of damages to property by the repairing of E. Sixth St.

Petition of J. J. and P. M. Ahern for leave to move a wooden building from No. 17 to No. 20 Sutherland Road, Wd. 25.

Richard Roach, for permission to sell temperance drinks from wagon in Park St. and vicinity.

Remonstrance of the Boston Wharf Co. against the closing of Mt. Washington Ave and bridge, or either of them.

On petitions to erect guy posts, etc., viz.: Whidden & Co., two guy posts, Chatham St., Wd. 6.

John Cashman, three guy posts, Washington St., between Nos. 3651-3661, Wd. 23.

McNeil Bros., guy posts, between Nos. 417-441 Beacon St., Wd. 11.

M. F. Culbert & Co., two guy ropes, across Byron St., at Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

Redfield Proctor, guy post and ropes, corner No. Margin and Thacher Sts., Wd. 6.

George H. Dickerman, to place coal chute in sidewalk at 34 Green St., Wd. 8.

Barber Asphalt & Paving Co. to close temporarily portions of Roxbury, Boylston and No. Bennet Sts., Barton Ct. and Court Sq.

HEARINGS AT THREE O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:

1. One on Eutaw St., between Marion and Brooks Sts., Wd. 1.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

2. Three on Woodville St., between West Cottage and Dennis Sts., Wd. 17.

Charles E. Wiggins, of 21 Woodville St., Richard W. Walsh, of 5 Woodville St., Frank W. Mendum, of 22 Woodville St., and Michael W. McEltrick, severally objected.

Mr. Wiggins also stating that he represented almost every other property owner on the street. A written remonstrance was received from Thomas W. Hardy for Catherine J. Hardy.

No further objections, recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. Three on Ambrose St., between Dearborn St. and Orchard Park, Wd. 17.

William T. Way, 411 Old South Building, appeared and objected to the granting of the proposed petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. One on Cedar St., between Washington and Juniper Sts., Wd. 21.

Maria L. J. Currier, of 2 Cedar St., Roxbury, for herself and husband, S. E. D. Currier, appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections; recommended, on motion of Ald. Bromberg, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. One on Forest Hills St., at Washington St., Wd. 22.

6. One on Columbus Ave., between Washington St. and Weld Ave., Wd. 22.

7. One on Williams St., at Washington St., Wd. 23.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:-

8. Three on Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

9. Two on Blanche St., between Greenhill and Preston Sts., Wd. 24.

Michael J. Ahern, of 13 Blanche St., James B. Connolly, of 25 Blanche St., and Mary E. Wall, of 27 Blanche St., severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objection. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the committee on electric wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

10. On petition of the Board of Police for leave to erect posts for police boxes, at the following locations, viz.:-

One on Highland St., near Eliot Sq.

One on Linden Park St., opposite Cabot St.

One on Tower St., near Hyde Park Ave.

One on Boylston St., near Green St.

Dr. Edwin L. Farr, of 3 Highland St., Walter S. Tower, of 1 Highland St., Sarah D. H. White, and Margaret U. White of 2 Highland St., objected to the proposed pole on Highland St. and Thomas Minton objected to the proposed pole on Tower St.; and on motion of Alds. BROMBERG and KNEELAND, respectively, the petition, so far as it referred to those two poles, was recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objections the Chairman called up Nos. 11 and 12, viz.:-

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:-

11. William B. Gutterson, to be a Weigher of Beef for the term ending April 30 1905.

12. Patrick D. Currie, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Quigley and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the constable's bond of James J. McNamee.

Approved by the Board.

NOTIFICATION FROM RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

A notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing, July 20, on petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for consent to modifications or changes in elevated platforms of said railway company, to accommodate five-car trains.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners on petition of the West End Street Railway Co. for approval of certain locations.

Severally placed on file.

A communication was received from the Railroad Commissioners approving attachment of wires to one pole of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co., of Mass., on Main St., west of Boston & Maine Railroad crossing.

Placed on file.

DAY IN FIVE FOR FIREMEN.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Law Department,
Boston, July 12, 1904.

Board of Aldermen, City Hall, Boston—

Gentlemen: Your order of the 27th of June in which you ask my opinion as to whether the amendment to Chapter 17 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, passed under authority of Chapter 315 of the Acts of 1904, is now in force and effect, came to my hands a few days ago.

In my opinion the proposed amendment is not in force and effect because it has not received the approval of the Mayor, which is necessary under the provisions of Chapter 315 of the Acts of 1904. Section 1 of that statute provides that any city "may by ordinance passed by its City Council and approved by its mayor establish the hours of labor of the members of its fire department." No ordinance passed by a city council under that chapter can go into effect until approved by the Mayor. Any other construction of the statute would deprive the words "and approved by its mayor" of any force or effect, as by the statutes of the Commonwealth any vote of the city council, before it can become an ordinance, has to be either signed by the mayor, held by him for ten days, or else passed over his veto.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Council.

Placed on file.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:—

Suffolk Registry of Deeds,
Boston, July 28, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Mass.—

Gentlemen: In compliance with your order of July 11, 1904, I herewith present the information requested.

Messrs Brackett and Johnson, who have been connected with the office for the past fourteen years, were promised by me thirty and thirty-five dollars a week, respectively, from May 1st (that being the compensation fixed by the last Legislature for the clerks connected with the municipal court in this building) and I think them deserving of those amounts.

Respectively yours,

Thomas F. Temple, Register.

Employees at Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

Kimball, Charles W., Asst. Register, Frost Ave., Dorchester, \$3000 pr. year.

Allen, Mary L., 47 Stanley St., Dorchester, \$10 a wk.

Brackett, William C., 2 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, \$20 a wk.

*Boynton, Mabel C., 148 Hemenway St., Boston.

Bruen, John A., 27 Sargent St., Dorchester, \$4 a wk.

*Coffin, Mary G., 15 Cushing Ave., Dorchester.

Donovan, Gertrude A., 117 Pembroke St., Boston, \$15 a wk.

Dyer, Susan M., 776 Norfolk St., Mattapan, \$18 a wk.

Dolbeare, Clara A. E., 8 Ivory St., West Roxbury, \$18 a wk.

*Doherty, Mary J., 30 Athelwold St., Dorchester.

Dunn, Sidney, Minot St., Dorchester, \$13 a wk.

*Egan, Ellen, 144 Bowdoin St., Boston.

*Egan, Cecilia F., 141 Bowdoin St., Boston.

Getchell, Cora M., 9 Worcester Sq., Boston, \$15 a wk.

*Goodridge, Clara L., 8 Mount Vernon St., Boston.

*Graham, Mary E., 23 East Concord St., Boston.

*Gallagher, Mary C., 14 Bromley Pk., Roxbury.

*Holmes, Hattie G., Bradford St., Needham.

*Holmes, George A., 59 Creighton St., No. Cambridge.

Johnson, John W., 137 West Canton St., Boston, \$20 a wk.

Jefferson, Alberta, 22 Greenwich St., Roxbury, \$7 a wk.

Keating, Agnes, 316 Newbury St. (winter), Boston, \$15 a wk.

*Keenan, J. Francis, 314 Warren St., Roxbury.

*Kelley, Sarah L., 81 Pinckney St., Boston.

*Kimball, Ethel M., 227 Ashmont St., Dorchester.

*King, Margaret F., 22 Beethoven St., Roxbury.

McCarthy, Frank, 17 Minot St., Boston, \$6 a wk.

*Paine, Annie L., 47 Rutland Sq., Boston.

Patterson, Bertha E., Fuller St., Dorchester, \$9 a wk.

*Pearsall, Anna L., 51-A Monadnock St., Dorchester.

*Reed, S. Sumner, Hillside St., Roxbury.

Small, A. Grace, 36 Millwood St., West Roxbury, \$20 a wk.

Small, Josephine A., 55 Corbet St., Dorchester, \$20 a wk.

*Tuttle, Emma L., 55 Port Norfolk St., Dorchester.

*Volgt, Annie L., 14 Circuit St., Roxbury.

*Whelan, Margaret E. S., 21 Milton Ave., Dorchester.

*Williams, Antoinette G., Everett.

Winston, Frances, 22 Greenwich St., Roxbury, \$7 a wk.

Note.—Employees marked * are copyists, working by the fold averaging from \$10 to \$15 a week.

Attest: Thos. F. Temple, Reg.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2, Chapter 493 of the Acts of 1895, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office for the month commencing June 27, 1904, and that work had actually been performed to the sum of \$2119.94.

Referred to Committee on County Accounts.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the petition of G. D. Braman et al., trustees, for leave to project a marquee at the Hotel Lenox, on Exeter St., Wd. 10.—An order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, August 8, 1904, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties desiring to object thereto may appear and be heard.

On the following petitions for leave to project bay windows and marquees:—

Mary E. Hunter, 2 bay windows, 11 Gove St., Wd. 2.

Mrs. E. M. Hird, 1 bay window, 132 Broadway Extension, Wd. 13.

Mary Hurvitz, 3 bay windows, 238 Chambers St., 2 over Chambers St. and 1 over Corner Chambers and Auburn Sts., Wd. 8.

I. Nesson, marquise, 6 Garrison St., Wd. 10.

Charles E. Cotting, et als., trustees, 3 marquees, 1 over Harvard Pl., 1 over Essex St., and 1 over Harrison Ave. and Essex Sts., Wd. 7.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Aug. 22, 1904, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

OIL LICENSES—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for petroleum licenses:—

H. P. Hood & Sons, to keep, 494 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

William G. Seavey to store and keep for sale, 616 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, Aug. 22, 1904, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. QUIGLEY for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to erect poles, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, August 22, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., to erect three poles on Main St., Wd. 4.

Edison Electric Ill. Co. of Boston, to erect two poles on Orleans St., Wd. 2.

The same company, to erect two poles and to remove one pole on Bennington St., between Prescott and Chelsea Sts., and three poles on Chelsea St., between Prescott and Chelsea Sts., and three poles on Chelsea St., between Bennington and Shelby Sts.

The same company, to erect two poles on Decatur St., between Liverpool and London Sts., Wd. 2.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. to erect one pole on Ruggles St., Wd. 19.

The same company, to erect poles on St. James and other streets.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Reports on petitions of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed June 27), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Elmore St., near Washington St., Wd. 21; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, May 26, 1904.

Columbus Ave., near Washington St., Wd. 22; number of poles 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 10ft.; date of plan, May 26, 1904.

Circuit St., near Washington St., Wd. 21; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, May 26, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed June 27), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

South St., between Guernsey St. and Bradford Terrace, Wd. 7; number of poles, 5; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; date of plan, June 2, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred June 27), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of said pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, June 24, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Seaver St. one pole, shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred July 11), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Clayton St., near Granger St., Wd. 24; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, June 29, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Clayton St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(e) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred July 11), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Commonwealth Ave., near B. & A. R. R., Wd. 25; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; date of plan, June 28, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Commonwealth Ave. one pole, shown by a black circle on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(f) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred July 11), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Dix St., near Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, July 7, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to

said company to remove from Dix St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(g) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred Aug. 1), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Seaver St., near Normandy St., Wd. 20; No. of poles, 3; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft. x 13 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, June 24, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz.:—

Soo Wing (referred today), illuminated sign, 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Boyd Hammond (referred July 11), barber poles, 319 Meridian St., Wd. 1.

The Adams Pharmacy (referred July 11), druggist's mortar, 2494 Washington St., Wd. 21.

Sophie M. Hauk (referred June 27), one bay window, 645-7 Broadway, Wd. 14.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted a report on the petition of New England Anti-Imperialist League (referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall for evening of August 1—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual condition.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to forty-eight newsboys, 12 bootblacks and six vendors.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual condition.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905—recommending that licenses be granted, viz.:—

Thomas R. O'Connor, Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St.

Israel Goldberg, Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St.

M. Shenkel, Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St.

Bertha Sampson, Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of the Emergency Hospital (referred today), for a permit for Donna Wait et als., under 15 years of age, to appear at an entertainment at Amory Grove on Saturday, July 30—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

DEFECTIVE FLAGSTONE COVERINGS, ETC.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the following named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas or coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of chapter five of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz.:-

Streets.	Names of supposed owners or agents.
50 Eastern Ave.,	A. R. Whittier, owner.
54 Eastern Ave.,	A. R. Whittier, owner.
92 Endicott St.,	Joseph Bornstein, owner.
142 Summer St.,	Wd. 7, John C. Haynes, owner.
17 Allston St.,	Wd. 6, Cyrus Sargent, owner.
28 Somerset St.,	Cyrus Sargent, owner.
27 Hollis St.,	Charles O. L. Dillaway, owner.
69 Carver St.,	Winifred Wolff, owner.
50 Shawmut Ave.,	John J. Murphy, owner.
120 Chandler St.,	Maria A. Dean, owner.
132 Chandler St.,	McNeill Bros., owners.
371 Columbus Ave.,	John O. Atwood, agent.
416 Columbus Ave.,	Helen Knight, owner.
77 Dartmouth St.,	John B. Viall, owner.
131 Dartmouth St.,	Hyneman Bros., owners.
37 Emerald St.,	William Berwin, agent.
20 Holyoke St.,	Patrick McNamara, owner.
7 Lawrence St.,	Wd. 10, Francis J. Fogarty, owner.
20 Lawrence St.,	Wd. 10, Miss Johanna A. Hassett, owner.
8 St. Charles St.,	Albert E. Keeler, owner.
16 St. Charles St.,	Thomas E. Folger, agent.
465 Tremont St.,	Wd. 10, Joseph M. Cox, owner.
29 Warren Ave.,	Wd. 10, Hannah Underwood, executrix.
37 Warren Ave.,	Wd. 10, Joseph F. Reynolds, owner.
39 Warren Ave.,	Wd. 10, Joseph F. Reynolds, owner.
35 Warren Ave.,	Wd. 10, John M. Doherty, owner.
207 Warren Ave.,	Wd. 10, George W. Pope, owner.
1071 Washington St.,	Wd. 9, Louis and Henry Rosenbaum, owners.
211 West Canton St.,	Mary S. Rogers, owner.
218 West Canton St.,	Henry P. West, agent.
19 West Dedham St.,	Melvin M. Lee, owner.
2 Yarmouth St.,	Patrick Curtin, owner.
68 West Rutland Sq.,	Wm. C. Fuller, admr.
423 Massachusetts Ave.,	James H. Grimes, owner.
29 Greenwich Park,	Bertha Levy, owner.
359 Columbus Ave.,	Addison L. Aldrich, owner.
521 Columbus Ave.,	Catherine Freeman, owner.
361 Columbus Ave.,	Addison L. Aldrich, owner.
227 Webster St.,	E. B., E. G. Allen, owner.
48 Cabot St.,	John McNally, owner.
50 Cabot St.,	John McNally, owner.
39 Union St.,	Wd. 5, Patrick, O'Riorden, estate.
15 Dalton St.,	Frank C. Bill, owner.
90 Exeter St.,	Nathan Matthews, Jr., owner.
41 Fairfield St.,	Mellen N. Bray, owner.
218 Harrison Ave.,	James Burke, owner.
35 Essex St.,	William T. Dunbar, agent.
4 Warrenton St.,	Wd. 7, William White, owner.
769 Washington St.,	Wd. 7, Henry E. Crane, owner.
13 Appleton St.,	Mrs. Ellen P. Kenerson, owner.
29 Appleton St.,	Mrs. Grace D. Plummer, owner.
84 Appleton St.,	Mrs. M. J. McCormick, owner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TRIMMING OF TREES, ETC.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim tree in front of estate No. 176 West Brookline St.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the trees in front of 14 Winter St., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed.

G. A. R. PARADE.

Chairman DOYLE offered the following: Ordered: That the following specified streets be closed against passage by vehicles, except fire, police, ambulance and United States mail wagons, during such time as may be necessary for the formation and passage of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, on Tuesday, August 16, 1904, said parade to start at 10 o'clock A.M. on that day, viz.:

For the Formation.

Commonwealth Ave. (south side) and such adjacent streets as may be necessary.

For the Parade.

Massachusetts Ave. from the southerly side to the northerly side of Commonwealth Ave., Commonwealth Ave. (north side), Arlington, Beacon, School, Washington, Milk, Devonshire, Summer and Washington Sts., Temple Pl., Tremont and Boylston Sts., and Park Sq., where the parade will be dismissed.

The City Messenger is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Board of Police, to rope off such portions of said streets as may be necessary; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the City Messenger Department.

Further Ordered: That the City Messenger, under the direction of the Board of Police, be authorized to rope off such streets as may be necessary, for the parade of the Naval Veterans on Monday, August 15, for the assembling of automobiles for an excursion of the Grand Army Veterans on Thursday August 18, and for such other occasions as may be deemed advisable in connection with the National Encampment during the week August 15 to 20 inclusive; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for the City Messenger Department.

Passed.

MARKETS CLOSED ON G. A. R. DAY.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Markets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the markets to be closed on Tuesday, August 16, 1904, the day of the G. A. R. parade, at nine o'clock A.M., and to remain closed during the remainder of the day.

Passed. Sent down.

STAND IN WINTHROP SQUARE.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the committee on grand stands of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic be authorized to erect an observation stand in Winthrop Sq. for use on Tuesday, August 16; said stand to be so placed as not to interfere with the passage of vehicles through Devonshire and Otis Sts., and to be constructed in a manner satisfactory to the Building Commissioner.

Passed.

HOLIDAY ON G. A. R. DAY.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, to all em-

ployees whose services can be dispensed with, on Tuesday, August 15, 1904, the day of the G. A. R. parade.

Passed. Sent down.

FOURTH OF JULY ORATOR, ETC.

Chairman DOYLE offered the following:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to the Hon. John A. Sullivan for the eloquent and interesting oration delivered by him at Faneuil Hall in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and that he be requested to furnish his portrait and a copy of the said address for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to the Reverend Herbert S. Johnson for officiating as chaplain at the services in Faneuil Hall on July Fourth.

Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to John A. Badaracco for his services as reader of the Declaration of Independence at Faneuil Hall on July Fourth.

Severally passed unanimously. Sent down.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Co. (referred today), for a curve track at northerly corner of Dorchester and East Eighth Sts., with the right to use the single trolley electric power thereon—that an order of notice be passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, August 22d, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Reports on petitions of the West End Street Railway Co. (severally recommended July 11)—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Chelsea St., East Boston, from the junction of Saratoga St. and said Chelsea St., connecting with existing tracks there situate, to the dividing line between the City of Chelsea and the City of Boston; also double tracks on Eagle St., from or near the junction of Shelby St., connecting with existing tracks there situate, to and connecting with tracks on Chelsea St. hereinbefore alluded to and petitioned for; also additional double curves on said Eagle St. connecting the car-house of the company there situate with tracks on said Eagle St. above petitioned for; together with all necessary curves, cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated May 24, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form

of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and location of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within two years from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use additional curves and connecting tracks on Broadway and Dorchester St., South Boston, together with all necessary cross-overs, switches and connections; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 20, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use additional tracks and curves on Braintree St., Allston, connecting the existing tracks there situate with the company's property near Denton Rd.; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 20, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks,

and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use double curves at the junction of Brighton Ave. and Harvard Ave., Brighton, connecting existing tracks there situate; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated June 13, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Norfolk Ave., between East Cottage and Marshfield Sts., Wd. 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along 95 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25, in front of the estate bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Poplar St., between Sycamore and Washington Sts., Wd. 23, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF CITY HALL, G. A. R. DAY.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the City Hall be closed on Tuesday, August 16, 1904, the day of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Passed. Sent down.

POLICING OF MARINE PARK.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to detail more patrolmen during the summer season for the better protection of people and property at Marine Park and the Strandway, South Boston.

Passed. Sent down.

LIGHTING OF CORNELL ST.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide the necessary street lighting on Cornell St., between Washington and Kittredge Sts., Wd. 23; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

SITE FOR WINTHROP STATUE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept, in the name of the City and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, a conveyance from the First Church in Boston of a parcel of land on Marlborough St., adjoining said First Church, to be used as a site for the John Winthrop Statue, the same having been approved by the Art Commission.

Passed. Sent down.

REPAVING OF WARREN ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repave Warren St., between Dudley St. and Walnut Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF ROADWAYS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadways on the following streets for a period of sixty days or during the construction of sewerage works:—

Ruggles St., between Tremont and Cabot Sts., Wd. 18.

Cabot St., between Weston and Ruggles Sts., Wd. 18.

Passed.

NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD LOCATION

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to appear before the Board of Railroad Commissioners tomorrow, Tuesday, at 10.30 o'clock A.M., concerning the location granted by this Board, subject to certain conditions, to the New England Railroad Company on July 11, 1904.

The CHAIRMAN—If there is no objection, the order will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, if the Chair will withdraw that reference, I desire to state that my reason for introducing that order is because of the fact that at a hearing held by the Railroad Commissioners last week Chairman Jackson of the Railroad Commissioners not only intimated, but said in substance, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston were actuated by anything other than an honest desire to protect the city's interests. In fact, he might as well have said that we were a lot of boddlers. It seems to me that a man holding the high position

Mr. Jackson does ought to be brought to task by the City of Boston and the Commonwealth by those who are responsible for his continuance in office, for any such statements. If the City of Boston, through its representatives in public office, has done one thing this year, through the Board of Aldermen, it has been to attempt to save money for the city. We have been chastised, we have been ridiculed, and we have been cartooned. We have been charged with everything that is offensive; and when we pass a vote in this board to make it possible for the City of Boston to get some money which the city would otherwise lose through a nefarious contract, we are charged with being thieves by the Chairman of the Railroad Commissioners. Sitting in a judicial capacity, he subjects himself to a good deal of criticism and should come within the notice of the ledger account association, which opened business last fall. I hope the order will not be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, but will be put upon its passage now, and I move a suspension of the rule.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman, through you, what specific instructions the Corporation Counsel is to have when he appears there tomorrow. What is he to say, and what bearing has the remarks which the alderman has just made on the appearance of the Corporation Counsel before the Railroad Commissioners tomorrow?

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, my idea is this matter is to have the Corporation Counsel present at the hearing and have him care for the interests of the city. I want to add, in addition to what I have already said, that but for the fact that Ald. Hennessey, who was present at the time, objected to the statements made by Mr. Jackson, Chairman of the Railroad Commissioners, the slur would have passed unnoticed. I think Ald. Hennessey is deserving of a great deal of thanks from this Board by reason of the fact that he intervened and stopped Mr. Jackson while he was saying what he had to say. Otherwise, he might have gone on and conveyed false impressions, which would be circulated throughout the community by the newspapers, in regard to this Board.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I don't suppose it is in order upon the motion made by the Alderman to speak at length or to reply, really, to what he has said. Ald. Whelton has introduced an order to which I have not the slightest objection. I would like to see the Corporation Counsel go before the Railroad Commissioners tomorrow, representing the City of Boston, and look after this matter there. But, if the Alderman will permit me, Ald. Hennessey was not the only member of this Board who was present on that occasion. I had the honor of being present at the time. I don't know where the Alderman got his information, but he is very much mistaken. The Chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners did not impliedly or directly say one word against the honesty of a member of this Board of Aldermen. As an individual, Mr. Chairman, he gave his opinion upon the proviso which was annexed to the order, and he simply said that, in his opinion, it was evident to him, at least, that the object of putting that proviso in the order was to prevent the New England Railroad Company from getting this location. That is all, as far as I remember, that the Chairman of the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners said in relation to the matter. I don't think he, in the slightest degree impugned, or tried to impugn, the honesty of this Board. I don't know where Ald. Whelton got his information. I did not see any reports of the nature he has referred to in the newspapers of our city, and the only other member of the Board

of Aldermen who was there was Ald. Hennessey. Personally, I did not go to that hearing as a member of this Board of Aldermen, but as a representative of the West Roxbury District, and I would not have spoken at all to the Railroad Commissioners except as such a representative, had it not been that Ald. Hennessey spoke first, and I subsequently. He spoke as a member of the Board of Aldermen who voted in favor of the measure, and I took the liberty to speak as a member of the minority who voted against the measure. But I think it is about time that we stopped haranguing in this Board about outside persons, as is being done in this case, and as has been done upon previous occasions. I think it is about time we stopped speaking against people who have no opportunity to appear here and defend themselves—particularly so in this case, when the Alderman who has put in the order was not present at the time referred to, and only relies upon hearsay from Ald. Hennessey or whoever was before the Railroad Commissioners. I don't like that method. It is not fair, and we ought to stop it. I don't like this jumping up and calling a man harsh names when he cannot come in here and reply, and when, if he could come here, perhaps he could give an adequate reply to any member of the Board of Aldermen who indulges in such an attack here. I think that sort of thing ought to be stopped. I don't think in this case it is germane to the question, and I don't know why the Alderman took it upon himself to make this attack upon the Chairman of the Railroad Commissioners. I am not defending the Chairman of the Railroad Commissioners and don't care one way or the other personally, except as a matter of principle. But, as one who was present on the occasion referred to, I want to emphatically deny that Chairman Jackson said anything derogatory to the members of the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, it is not my intention to open the fall campaign at the present time, but I want to inform the alderman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Bromberg) that I have the utmost faith and confidence in my colleague who sits on the right (Ald. Hennessey) and I am perfectly willing to rest my statement upon what he said to me. Further, instead of apologizing to men who malign and abuse us as members of the Board of Aldermen at public meetings, public dinners, and in associations, I think it is time that we took the whip in our own hands and told them just what they are. I am not afraid to tell Mr. Jackson that. They had their opportunity last fall to malign you, Mr. Alderman, and you brought certain gentlemen to task. I am not making this a personal issue. I rely on what Ald. Hennessey stated and I give him great credit for bringing Mr. Jackson to terms when he made his reference. All I want is that the Railroad Commissioners and others shall protect the interests of the City of Boston, shall protect the taxpayers, because, according to newspaper accounts, the tax rate is going up ten cents more.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I did not intend to say anything further in regard to this matter, but after listening to the remarks of Ald. Bromberg, I feel compelled to say this much. We know it is the intention of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad tomorrow morning to try to prove to the Commissioners that it was the Old Colony Railroad Company that made this contract some years ago. We also know that they will try to show that this rider, as they see fit to call it, has no bearing on the case whatever. The gentlemen of this Board of Aldermen who voted to accept that amendment know, as well as I do, that it was the best ever introduced into this government for the welfare of the City, and that the money

will come out of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. There is only one corporation, and that is the New York, New Haven & Hartford, The New York & New England and the New York & New Haven do not exist today. If they do, let them produce a time-table, but that they cannot do today. I was led to believe that the gentleman from Dorchester tried to give the Commission the impression that it was a unanimous report of the Railroad Committee on the part of the Board that that location should be granted. I spoke to him about it a few minutes ago in private conversation.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, may I ask if he means to refer to the alderman from Wd. 20 (Ald. Hennessey) in the statement he has just made?

Ald. BOWEN—I intended to refer to Ald. Bromberg. I stand corrected, Ald. Hennessey. I asked him in private conversation a few moments ago if he told the Railroad Commissioners that it was the unanimous report of the Committee on Railroads in this Board, and he informed me that he did not. I take that as the truth, but I was led to so believe. Now, I do not question the authenticity of my information. I take it from the newspapers, also, that every word Ald. Whelton has referred to was uttered at that hearing. I want to say in conclusion that I think this is a first-class order and that I hope it will be passed this afternoon.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, as I said in the beginning I have not the slightest objection to the passage of the order. The order as it stands is all right. In fact, what in the name of goodness the debate has to do with the real subject matter of the order is beyond me. It is very kind of the Chairman to give the latitude he has. I simply took the opportunity to say a few words because a grand debate seemed to be in order, and certain things were said, and I wanted my say as well as anybody else. I will say that I would have been as eager as any member to uphold the honor the dignity of the Board, if it came to that. But there was no occasion for it. There were no innuendoes against the Board. I would simply ask at this point, as the Chair has already allowed so much latitude, that Ald. Hennessey be allowed to explain. Whatever Ald. Hennessey has to say in regard to the matter will be satisfactory to me.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, it was not necessary for Ald. Bromberg to invite me to have anything to say upon the matter. If there was any defence or explanation to be made I would make it without any suggestion from the Alderman from Wd. 23. First, in regard to the matter now before the Board, the order instructing the corporation counsel of the City of Boston to appear tomorrow before the Railroad Commissioners, I want to favor that order for this reason, that the legal representative of the City of Boston who appeared at the hearing last week was permitted to say not more than half a dozen words when his position and right to appear there were questioned by the representative of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. He was asked whether he appeared under instructions of the Board of Aldermen or whether he appeared at the request of the Mayor. You can see the position of the railroad when they will not allow the representative of the City of Boston to appear in such a case without making a formal declaration in regard to whom and for what purpose he appears. In regard to the insinuations or language used at that hearing, I will simply say that the language was sufficiently direct for me to rise and object as a representative of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston.

The order was passed.

Later in the session Ald. WHELTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to appear before the Board of Railroad Commissioners on Tuesday, August 2d inst., at 10:30 o'clock A.M., in behalf of the action of this Board on the petition of the Directors of the New England Railroad Company asking this Board to agree with them on a route for a proposed branch or extension of said railroad in that part of Boston called West Roxbury.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I feel obliged to vote against that order. I was perfectly willing that an order should be passed and voted for the order which was proposed here this afternoon, to the effect that the Corporation Counsel be requested to appear before the Railroad Commissioners. But I object to the passing of an order framed as this is, which requires the Corporation Counsel to appear in behalf of the order passed by this Board of Aldermen in regard to the West Roxbury location. As there is considerable doubt in my mind whether this Board has not exceeded its powers in tacking on the amendment to the location which has been asked for by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, I do feel that it would be an injustice to ask the Corporation Counsel to go to the hearing before the Railroad Commissioners and advocate that side of the petition. I think it is perfectly proper that an order should be passed instructing the Corporation Counsel to appear there and protect the best interests of the City of Boston, but I don't feel that we have any right to instruct him to appear there and advocate this side or that side. He should use his own best judgment as regards the legal aspect of the situation.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I wish to add to what the Alderman has just stated and say that at the hearing before the railroad commissioners last Tuesday the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Babson, practically said that in his opinion it was a question whether this Board had any right to add that clause to the order as it was passed. Now, how can we instruct the Corporation Counsel to go before the Railroad Commissioners tomorrow and retract what he said last Tuesday? The Chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners voiced that opinion also, as did several others there. My reason for voting against that order is that I don't think this Board has any right to add any such clause to the order. To my way of thinking the clause is inconsistent with the subject matter of the order. I don't want to go into the details or into any lengthy discussion of the merits of that question, as it is not before us; but I don't think that this Board has any right, certainly, to instruct the Corporation Counsel as to the law. He understands his position, he understands what his legal attitude is, and he knows what position to take before the Board of Railroad Commissioners. On the other hand, if it would be inconsistent to appear before the Railroad Commissioners and advocate this order, as the Board is now trying to instruct him to do, see the perfectly ridiculous position you are placing him in. You are telling him to go there as the paid attorney of the City of Boston to advocate something which he knows he cannot advocate, and you are forcing him into the position of saying, "I cannot go before the Board of Railroad Commissioners and carry out the instructions of the Board of Aldermen." It is no more than right that this Board should instruct the Corporation Counsel, as it has in the previous order passed earlier in the session, to appear before the Railroad Commissioners and represent the City of Boston,

looking after its best interests, and with that order I am perfectly satisfied. I think when we did that we did enough. Now we are exceeding our authority, going farther than that and placing ourselves perhaps in a ridiculous position. I earnestly hope that this order will not pass.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, my only purpose in offering this second order was to correct the language of the first, and not to entail an additional burden on the Corporation Counsel. I am rather surprised at the position of my friend from West Roxbury (Ald. Bromberg) when he claims to know what the Corporation Counsel thinks, knows and understands about these things, because Ald. Hennessey, on my right, says the Corporation Counsel had a chance to say but half a dozen words before he was interrupted. I don't know that there is any great difference in the two orders, but this one seems to state what is desired more clearly, and therefore should, I think, be passed. If this order will result in an agreement between the City and the Railroad Corporation by which the Railroad will pass a quarter of a million dollars to the City of Boston, I think it will be very much to the gratification of the taxpayers.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say one word. Ald. Bromberg, I think, is right in a way, but it seems to me, according to his own statement, that there is only one tribunal that has the power to settle that question, and that is the Supreme Court. The Corporation Counsel raised that question, I understand, at the hearing before the Railroad Commissioners, and I understand they think it is something which will have to be left to the Supreme Court to settle. I think the Corporation Counsel, as Ald. Slattery has said, will exercise his best judgment at the hearing, anyhow.

Ald. BROMBERG—Just another word, Mr. Chairman. The Corporation Counsel has already stated positively, at the hearing last Tuesday before the Railroad Commissioners, that in his opinion that clause tacked on in the Board asking the New England Railroad Company to cancel this obligation that the City of Boston is supposed to owe the Old Colony Railroad Company had no business in the order whatever. Now, I don't think it is consistent for us to pass an order here now instructing him to go there tomorrow and take an opposite position, and I don't think he will do it, Mr. Chairman, notwithstanding the instructions this Board may give him.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, if the position taken by Ald. Bromberg is correct, I fail to see wherein his objections to the order presented by Ald. Whelton are valid. It seems to me the Corporation Counsel, or whatever his title may be, is going up there representing the City of Boston, and the difference between the two orders is so slight that the arguments urged by the aldermen opposing the present order to my mind simply strengthens the position taken by Ald. Whelton. His idea is simply that the language of the order may not be misunderstood. The alderman from West Roxbury (Ald. Bromberg) says that when the Corporation Counsel goes up there he will look after the best interests of the city. That is exactly what the order presented by Ald. Whelton calls for, and whether or not it is legal does not appear to me to be of any consequence as far as this order is concerned. It is a direct order to the Corporation Counsel to be there at a certain time. The previous order told him to be there sometime during the day. He might forget that the hearing was to be at 10.30 and present himself there at 2.30. I must say that I think the corporation counsel could do as the majority of the Board di-

rects, whether it be right or wrong, and then he will use his judgment to look after the interests of the city.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman desires to maintain the position that this Board of Aldermen shall instruct the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston as to what legal attitude he is to adopt before the Railroad Commissioners or any other tribunal, I will not enter into any argument with him at this time. He says the Corporation Counsel is instructed to go there and do his duty and look after the best interests of the City of Boston. By that he means that the Corporation Counsel is to go and say to the Railroad Commissioners, "By a vote of the Board of Aldermen I am told to come here and look after the interests of the City of Boston, and they are, to wit, that the New England Railroad Company is to pay to the City of Boston \$600,000, or whatever the amount is at the present time, in order that the City of Boston may cancel its debt to the Old Colony Railroad Company?" Perhaps the Corporation Counsel may think that is not the way to look after the interests of the City of Boston—and I think you will find a great many other intelligent, calm, sober-thinking people of Boston, who will agree with him. It amounts to this, that we are placing ourselves I think, in a ridiculous position. We are instructing the Corporation Counsel in the law, telling him what he ought to do. It is just as though I engaged an attorney to look after my interests and then said to him, "I want you to go before the court and say thus and so. That is my law, and I want you to do what I tell you to do." Our previous order covers the entire ground—instructing the Corporation Counsel to go before the Railroad Commissioners tomorrow at their hearing and represent the best interests of the City of Boston there, and that is sufficient. I don't believe the gentleman who preceded me is dead in earnest when he says the Corporation Counsel may not know whether the hearing takes place at 10.30, 2.30 or midnight. I don't think the Corporation Counsel will have much difficulty in placing himself in a position where he can get information as to when the hour of the hearing will be. So I don't take that argument of my friend the alderman very seriously, and I don't think he does. I do hope, in all seriousness, that the Board will not pass this order, because it puts us in a very ridiculous position.

The order was passed, yeas 8, nays 5.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Frothingham, Slattery—5.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire at this time to move a reconsideration of the vote whereby the first order I presented here this afternoon was passed.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I wish to ask the gentleman why he wants that order reconsidered? That order was very simple—that the Corporation Counsel go there and represent the best interests of the City of Boston. The Alderman does not want to reconsider the passage of the order and have the Corporation Counsel go there and not represent the best interests of the City of Boston, does he? That is what reconsideration will amount to.

The passage of the order first introduced by Ald. Whelton was reconsidered, and the order was indefinitely postponed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 4:28 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:31.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the Mayor's message (referred July 11) vetoing the vote of the Board giving a license to the Mass. Automobile Club to store petroleum and its products at 761 Boylston St.—Recommending that the veto be sustained, and that an order of notice be passed for a hearing in reference to granting the said license on Monday, Aug. 22, 1904, at 3 P.M.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report returning to the Board of Aldermen, for such action thereon as it considers proper, the appointment of Louis M. Roth as a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1904.

The question came on confirmation of the said appointment. Committee—Ald. O'Toole and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots, 13; yes 12, no 1; and the appointment was confirmed.

(3) Reports on the communications (referred today) from Hugh H. McInnes and John J. Hartnett, agreeing upon an extension of time to Sept. 30, 1904, for a determination by the Board of damages to their property by the repaving of E. Sixth St.—Recommending that they be placed on file.

Report accepted.

(4) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders (severally referred July 11):—

Order requesting Supt. of Lamps to locate a lamp in passageway from 201 Green St., Wd. 23.

Order requesting Supt. of Streets to complete the sewer in Montclair St.

Reports severally accepted; said orders severally passed.

(5) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) recommending the passage of an order authorizing an agreement with the B. & M. and B. & A. Railroads in reference to a crossing of their tracks in Addison St., East Boston—recommending the passage of the said order.

Report accepted; said order passed. Sent down.

(6) Report on the petition of the Barber Asphalt Paving Co. (referred today) for leave to close temporarily certain streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue the necessary permits to the Barbara Asphalt Paving Co. to close the roadways on the following named streets during the times necessary for the completion of their contracts for the construction of asphalt pavement on the same: Roxbury and Washington Sts., from Guild Row across Marvin St.; Boylston St., from St. Cecilia St. to Mass. Ave.; Barton Court, from Brighton St. to Barton St.; North Bennet St., from Hanover St. to Salem St.; Court Sq., westerly side.

Report accepted; order passed.

(7) Reports on petitions (severally referred July 11), recommending the passage of orders for the construction of sidewalks in front of the estates of petitioners, said walks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width, and to be built of the material specified, with granite edgestones, the owners to furnish the said materials:

D. M. Herlihy, 50 Harold St., cor, Hollander St., Wd. 21, brick.

Minot Schoolhouse, Neponset Ave., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

C. A. Woodsome, 10-16 Bird St., Wd. 16, artificial stone.

James J. Sullivan, 32 Clifton St., Wd. 17, artificial stone.

Boston University Law School, Ashburton Place, Wd. 8, artificial stone.

Allen C. Jones, 56 Hanover St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(8) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders (severally referred today):—

Order notifying the owners of estates 50 Eastern Ave., and other estates, to repair the covering over areas or coalholes under the sidewalks thereof, etc.

Order requesting Supt. of Streets to repave Warren St., between Dudley St. and Warren Ave., Wd. 21.

Order for the construction of a sidewalk along both sides of Norfolk Ave., between East Cottage and Marshfield Sts. Wd. 17.

Order for the construction of a sidewalk in front of 95 Brighton Ave., Wd. 25.

Order for the construction of a sidewalk on both sides of Poplar St., between Syamore and Washington Sts., Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted; said orders severally passed.

(9) Reports recommending the passage of the following orders (severally referred July 11), viz.:—

Order requesting the Park Commissioners to place settees on the Motley Hill portion of Arboretum Park.

Order requesting the Superintendent of Streets to put Cohasset, Birch, and Amherst Sts., Wd. 23, in proper condition.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(10) Reports on petitions (severally referred today)—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 34 feet in length, by 27 and 30 feet in width, by 30 feet in height, from 17 Sutherland Rd. across said street to 20 Sutherland Rd., Wd. 25, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the City relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George H. Dickerman & Co. to construct, maintain and use an 18-inch coal hole opening, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 34 Green St., Wd. 8; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Martin F. Culbert & Co. to stretch, maintain and use two guy posts over and across Byron St., at Saratoga St., Wd. 1, for use during the erection of a retaining wall for the City of Boston; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to McNeil Bros. to erect, maintain and use two guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Beacon St., between Nos. 417 and 441, Wd. 11, for use during the erection of a building; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Redfield Proctor to erect, maintain and use a guy post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over North Margin and Thacher Sts., Wd. 6, for use during the erection of a building on the corner of said streets; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(f) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Whidden & Co. to erect, maintain and use two guy posts, with the necessary

ropes attached thereto, at or near 18 and 32 Chatham St., Wd. 6, for use during the erection of a building; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

(g) Ordered. That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Cashman to erect, maintain and use three guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Washington St., between 3551-3561, Wd. 23, for use during the construction of a retaining wall; the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF NEWBURG AVE.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the catch basins in Newburg Ave., Wd. 23, to be cleaned, and to cause the sidewalks on said street to be placed in proper condition for public travel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WARD 9 PLAYGROUND.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested

to inform this Board if any of the money appropriated for the Ward Nine Playground has been expended, and if so, for what purposes, and to what amount.

Passed.

CENSUS STATISTICS.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor be requested, in making the next Decennial Census of the industries of the Commonwealth, to collect and compile the vital statistics of the City of Boston in such a manner as to show the population of the City by wards, in addition to the population of the City as a whole, and also the division of that population, both by wards and for the City as a whole, according to sex.

Sex and age (5-year periods).

Sex and color.

Sex and nativity.

Sex and parent nativity.

Sex and nativity and conjugal condition by 5-year-age periods.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BRESNAHAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 6.53 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. BOWEN, to meet on Monday, August 8, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 1904.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the Chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:—

Office of the President of the Common Council. Boston, Aug. 1, 1904.

To the Members of the Common Council:—

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held in its chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, Aug. 4, at 7:45 P.M., for the purpose of taking concurrent action on various matters transmitted to this body by the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully,

Arthur W. Dolan, President.

Placed on file.

"WARREN" EXERCISES IN ROXBURY SCHOOLS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., July 13, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee stating that, in compliance with your request, exercises commemorative of Joseph Warren were held in all the grammar schools in the Roxbury District on June 16, 1904.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston School Committee.

Superintendent's Office, June 23, 1904.

To the School Committee:—

I have respectfully to report that pursuant to the reference by you to me, on the 14th instant, of the order of the Common Council of the City of Boston, "that the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause exercises commemorative of Joseph Warren to be held in all grammar schools in the Roxbury District on June 16, 1904," on the 15th instant I directed that such exercises be held in the schools designated.

Edwin P. Seaver,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

City of Boston.

In School Committee, June 23, 1904.

Placed on file, and a copy ordered sent to the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy.—Attest:

Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF EDWARD EVERETT STATUE.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., July 13, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Public Grounds in reference to your order asking him to remove the statue of Edward Everett from the Public Garden and to place it in Edward Everett Sq., Dorchester.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Public Grounds Department, E. Cottage St. Dorchester, July 11, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston:—

Dear Sir—In regard to the enclosed order of the Common Council, dated June 24—

"That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be hereby authorized, with the approval of the Art Commission, to remove the statue of Edward Everett from the Public Garden to the centre of Edward Everett Sq., Dorchester."—I beg to say that the Public Grounds Department has no money at command for work of this kind, and no jurisdiction of the square named above, which belongs to the Park Department.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. Doogue, Superintendent.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message transmitting the order of the Commission on the Height of Buildings in the City of Boston dividing the city, in accordance with chapter 333 of the Acts of the present year, into two districts, in one of which (District A) buildings may be erected to a height of not exceeding 125 feet, in the other (District B) to a height of not exceeding 80 feet. The Mayor states that this document should be placed on the files of the City Council.

Ordered printed and placed on file, on motion of Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23.

2. Mayor's message relative to a legacy from Robert Charles Billings, and recommending the passage of the following orders:

Ordered, That the City of Boston hereby gratefully accepts the gift of five thousand dollars made to said city by Thomas Minns, surviving executor of the will of Robert Charles Billings, from the remainder of the estate distributed by him in accordance with the terms of said will and decrees of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, dated April 1, 1903, and May 26, 1904.

Ordered, That said city also hereby accepts the condition of said gift making said sum a permanent fund of five thousand dollars for the care and improvement of the Westerly Cemetery, Centre St., West Roxbury.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized, on behalf of the city, to accept the above legacy and to invest the same, and to pay the income thereof to the Board of Cemetery Trustees, to be expended by them for the care and improvement of said Westerly Cemetery in accordance with the condition of said gift.

The message was placed on file; and orders were passed in concurrence.

3. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting authority to make an agreement permitting the department employees to cross the railroad tracks in Addison St., East Boston.

The Mayor recommends the passage of the following preambles and order:

Whereas, In doing the work of building a sewer in Addison St., East Boston, it has become necessary to cross the tracks and locations of the Boston & Maine Railroad and the Boston & Albany Railroad Companies; and

Whereas, Said companies refuse to permit persons doing the work to cross said locations unless the city agrees to indemnify and hold harmless said railroad companies from any injury or damage which may happen to persons using said locations;

Be it Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be, and he hereby is, authorized to sign on behalf of the city an agreement with said Boston & Maine and said Boston & Albany Railroad Companies concerning the temporary use of said locations for said crossings, and to indemnify and hold said railroad companies harmless from any damage which may occur while the city is at work upon said sewer and using said crossings.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 moved that No. 3 be laid upon the table.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, before that motion is put I would like to know the reasons why the gentleman from Wd. 8 wishes to lay the message of the Mayor on the table at this time. This body may not meet, probably, for another month or six weeks, and there are men at work upon this sewer. I would like to have the gentleman explain his reasons why he wishes this matter laid upon the table.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman I wish to say that my specific object in moving that this be laid on the table is simply this, that I have my suspicion of any contracts that are drawn which we do not have a proper opportunity to examine. We have had one sample in the case of the famous abolition of the grade crossing in Dorchester, and I think it is but fair that members of this body should have a chance to know something about the order as it stands, aside from the resolves. That is why I am opposed to action at the present time. I desire to see just what this is.

The motion to lay on the table was lost. The communication was placed on file, and the preambles and order were read a second time and passed in concurrence.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost.

Nos. 4 and 5 were considered collectively, viz.:-

4. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Barnett Goodman, referred April 4, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Haverhill St., Wd. 6—leave to withdraw.

5. Report of same committee, on petition of Margaret McPhee, referred April 18, for compensation for injuries caused by a fall on Boylston St.—leave to withdraw.

Severally passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the City Hall be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1904, the day of the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Passed in concurrence.

7. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to place settees on the Motley Hill portion of Arboretum Park, from the Forest Hills portion to Roslindale.

Passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension members of its Police Signal Service," by and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

Nos. 9, 10 and 11 were considered collectively, viz.:-

9. Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby extended to the Hon. John A. Sullivan for the eloquent and interesting oration delivered by him at Faneuil Hall in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and that he be requested to furnish his portrait and a copy of the said address for publication.

10. Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to the Reverend Herbert S. Johnson for officiating as chaplain at the services in Faneuil Hall on July Fourth.

11. Resolved, That the thanks of the City Council be hereby tendered to John A. Badaracco for his services as reader of the Declaration of Independence at Faneuil Hall on July Fourth.

Severally passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to allow a holiday, without loss of pay, to all employees whose services can be dispensed with on Tuesday, August 16, 1904, the day of the G. A. R. parade.

Passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the markets to be

closed on Tuesday, August 16, 1904, the day A.M., and to remain closed during the remainder of the day.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to accept, in the name of the City and in form satisfactory to the Law Department, a conveyance from the First Church in Boston of a parcel of land on Marlborough St., adjoining said First Church, to be used as a site for the John Winthrop statue, the same having been approved by the Art Commission.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That chapter 449 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to make Payments to the Widows of Next of Kin of its Deceased Employees," be, and is hereby, accepted.

Passed in concurrence, yeas 41, nays 5.

Yeas—Abbott, Bradley, Brazzell, Cado-gan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley (7), Dalton, Drummond, Ewell, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Higgins, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Warner, Williams—41.

Nays—Cook, Jepson, Lacey, Pierce, Price—5.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Conway (23), Crowley (2), Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, MacLoud, McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan (15), Wood—28.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Police be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to detail more patrolmen during the summer season for the better protection of people and property at Marine park and the Strandway, South Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

PUBLISHING PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3, for the Committee on Printing, (Messrs. Bradley and Leavitt dissenting), submitted a report on the orders (referred Feb. 25 and June 2), relative to publishing the proceedings of the City Council—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to make a contract, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, for publishing the proceedings of the City Council in a daily newspaper in this city for one year; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

The report was accepted; the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order on the question of passing the order at this time. Under rule 19 of the Common Council the order has to take its second reading at a later meeting. I ask the ruling of the President.

THE PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 15, that this is the second reading of the order, the order having been read at its original presentation, when first submitted. So the question is now on the passage of the order, and the Chair is compelled to rule the point of order not well taken.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, according to my interpretation of the rules this is the first reading of the order, which now comes in for the first time as an order reported by the Committee which recommends its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state for the benefit of the gentleman that the rule provides that no order which entails an expenditure of money shall have a second reading at the meeting at which it is presented; but the Chair has already stated that this order was originally introduced in the Council, took one reading, and was then referred to a committee. The Committee has reported favorably at this time, when it takes its second reading. This is not the first reading of the order.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, my reason for objecting to the passage of the order at this time is that for some years past the Boston Advertiser has received the contract for printing the proceedings of the City Council meetings. I visited the Mayor to find out his feelings in regard to it, to see whether he believed that the City Council proceedings should be printed in a newspaper or not, and he told me that the circulation of the paper did not warrant the expenditure of \$10,000. The circulation of the paper, as I find out, is in the neighborhood of 5000 copies, and we spend \$10,000 a year simply for the sake of getting up in the morning after the proceedings have taken place and seeing them in the paper as prepared by our official stenographer. I believe that the money can be used far better in another direction—that, instead of giving it to a newspaper or anything of the sort, it would be better to have the proceedings of the meeting printed in the Municipal Printing Plant, appearing as in the pamphlets we get here.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman who has just taken his seat a question—whether he objects to the proceedings of the City Council being published, or whether he objects to this particular paper publishing them?

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, I wish to introduce a substitute order.

Mr. Bradley offered the following order as a substitute.

Ordered, That the official stenographer be and hereby is instructed to deliver his reports of the proceedings of the City Council to the Superintendent of Printing, and that the Superintendent of Printing be and hereby is instructed to print a sufficient number of copies of the same to supply each member of the City Council and the various heads of departments and a sufficient additional number to provide for bound volumes and other demands; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, my reason for introducing the substitute at this time is this. I feel that the expenditure is going to be made, at any rate, according to the consensus of the desire of the members, and that the expense will not be so large if it is done in the municipal plant. Several of the people working down there have to be laid off in the summer months, and something of this sort would give them a chance to obtain permanent employment. That is my reason for introducing the order at this time, and I hope it will pass.

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, I hope the substitute order will not prevail, for this reason. I don't care what newspaper in Boston published the proceedings of the City Council, but I want some daily newspaper in Boston to publish the minutes of these meetings. I do not propose to say anything upon this floor that I am ashamed to have the general public know. I don't know whether the trouble lies with the Superintendent of Printing, and therefore I will not lay it up to his department, but if we are to be delayed as long in receiving the reports of our meetings as we are in receiving these documents (holding up calendar) I certainly hope that we will

not change our methods of having the reports furnished. I want to say that, although I don't know whereabouts in the shuffle it has been lost, I have not received mine as yet, and Councilman Jepson informs me that he got his at 6 o'clock to-night. I get my pamphlets of the proceedings of the City Council meetings from the printing department usually about two weeks after the meeting. I get the reports in the newspaper delivered at my door the next morning after the meeting, and by nine o'clock on Tuesday morning I have the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of the day before. But usually the Board of Aldermen has a second meeting after that before I get the pamphlet of their first meeting from the Printing Department. For that reason, if for no other, I want to see the proceedings of this Council published so that the public, as well as members of the Council, may know what is going on in this chamber.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Wd. 10—I don't think my brother over there ought to be so perturbed in spirit with reference to the publication of the proceedings of the City Council. If anything happens here of note the reporters will get it. You can get it next morning in all the papers without paying \$10,000 a year to one specific paper to publish the proceedings of the City Council. I don't object to the publication of the proceedings here because I fear that I am going to do something that my constituents will not stand for. It is not that. I think everything that happens here, that is of moment to the city at least, is published, and published accurately and readily. I don't care about the publication of the proceedings of the City Council in any special paper. If we are spending \$10,000 for it, that is news to me. I didn't know it was so much. I think the city might more profitably spend \$10,000 for something else. The proceedings will get out in time, and for some of us, sometimes too early. (Laughter.)

Mr. BRADLEY—Mr. President, I will say to my friend from Wd. 23, in regard to the delivery of his calendars, that if he does not receive them in time it is not the fault of the Printing Department. It is the fault of another department in this hall. I will also say that the printing of the minutes is not done by the Printing Department. It is done by The Advertiser Company, and the City Messenger probably does not receive them until two weeks after the meeting. I would simply like to call these facts to the attention of my brother, so that Mr. Whalen shall not be unjustly criticized.

Mr. LEAVITT of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I agree with both the last speakers. I think \$10,000 a year is too much to spend for the sake of having these reports verbatim the morning after the meeting. I think the purpose would be amply served by the pamphlets, which, as we have been told, are not received till perhaps two weeks after the meetings, but which should be received much sooner, according to the contract of last year. In that respect the contract was not carried out, as far as I can see. I certainly hope the substitute order will prevail.

The substitute order was declared rejected. Mr. Bradley doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the substitute order was rejected, yeas 11, nays 34:—

Yeas—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Crowley, J. F., Higgins, Lacey, Leavitt, McKnight, Pierce, Warner, Williams—11.

Nays—Brazzell, Cadogan, Colman, Conboy, Conway, (3) J. J., Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Dalton, Drummond, Ewell, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Jepson, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L.,

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conway, (23) J. J., Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Kelley, MacLoud, Maynard, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—30.

The order reported by the committee was declared passed. Mr. Leavitt of Wd. 20 doubted the vote, and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the order was passed—yeas 34, nays 13:—

Yeas—Brazzell, Cadogan, Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Dalton, Drummond, Ewell, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Price, Rachkovsky, Reagan, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L.—34.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Collins, H. J., Crowley, W. A. H., Higgins, Lacey, Leavitt, McKnight, Pierce, Simms, Warner, Williams—13.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Conway (23), Crowley, J. F., Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, MacLoud, Maynard, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—28.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet subject to the call of the President.

Passed.

BATH-HOUSE, WARD 15.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars be appropriated for the completion of the all the year round bath house, Ninth St., Wd. 15, South Boston, and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston for said amount.

Mr. COLMAN—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule, that the order may go upon its passage.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that 50 votes are necessary to pass the order, and that it is a question whether there are 50 members present.

Mr. COLMAN—Mr. President, I move assignment of the matter until the next meeting.

There being no objection, the motion to suspend the rules was considered withdrawn, and the motion to assign further consideration of the matter to the next meeting was carried.

SETTEES, ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commission be requested to place settees on the Ashmont Playground, Wd. 24.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. DRUMMOND of Wd. 14 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a catch-basin in the vicinity of 880 East Second St., Wd. 14.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. DRUMMOND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit to the Common Council an estimate of the expense of grading Second St., between L and M Sts., Wd. 14, and

putting the same in suitable condition for public travel.

Referred to the Mayor.

EVIDENCE IN POLICE CASES.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to cause a stenographic report to be made of the evidence in any trial in which its attorney or any attorney, acting for the board represents an officer of the Police Department, and that it be further requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Committee on Claims of the City Council with a transcribed copy of such evidence in any case in which they recommend a claim for reimbursement of costs incurred in damage suits by members.

The order was referred to His Honor the Mayor.

Later in the session, Mr. Mancovitz said:—

Mr. President, while I was in the ante-chamber, an order was offered by Councilman Cook and referred to His Honor the Mayor. I move reconsideration of the reference of that order to His Honor the Mayor. As I understand, the order provided that the Committee on Claims be furnished with a copy of the evidence given in court in all cases where police officers petition the Committee on Claims to be reimbursed for suits against them. My experience in the courts, and I believe every member who has had experience in the courts will agree with me, is that copies of the evidence, which is taken by a court stenographer, are expensive things to obtain. To my own knowledge, the regular rate charged by stenographers is twenty-five cents per hundred words for a single copy. If this order contemplates that a copy of the evidence shall be furnished to each of the thirteen members of the Committee on Claims, it involves a large extra expense to the officer, in the first place, which expense must ultimately come out of the city treasury. In such cases there are probably four or five witnesses on each side, and the procuring of copies of the evidence would mean an expenditure of at least \$50 or \$75 or perhaps more. It is an expense that ought not to be put upon the officer, and, if it is put upon him, it ought to and will, in the end, come out of the city treasury. I can see no reason why this Council should require the evidence to be written out and given to them. The committee can, if we see fit, summon the officer before the committee, and also the other witnesses; and we can receive the evidence of those persons orally. I think it is unfair to impose this extra burden upon the police officers, whether they get it back or not. For that reason, I ask that the order be reconsidered.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, I simply desire to say, in reply to my very good friend in the third division, that this order is a tentative one. It carries no obligation with it, and it has been referred to His Honor the Mayor. For my part, I am very willing to trust His Honor the Mayor to do what he likes with it. My knowledge of the legality of questions of this kind is not so deep and profound as that of my friend from Wd. 8; but I believe that the knowledge of His Honor the Mayor is even more profound than that of the gentleman in the third division, and I hope, this order having been put in, that it will be sent to him. It seems to me that this law which is on the statute books was intended to provide against what all lawyers will tell you frankly is liable to happen under our jury system—a slip of a cog in the wheels of justice, a finding against an officer by a prejudiced jury. We know that there is a great deal of prejudice on the part of some persons against police officers, and against corporations. It seems to me that if we are to decide these

cases rightly, we ought to have the evidence before us to judge them upon. I know that at one time when I had a small complaint to make against a police officer, I went up and made it before the Police Commission, and there was a stenographer in the room who took down everything I said—employed probably by the week or month by that commission. Now, why isn't it possible for this evidence to be furnished in the same way? I am willing to trust the Police Commission to furnish this evidence by means of its own stenographers. I think they are honorable men. Why isn't it possible for them to send their stenographer into court, just as any lawyer would, to make notes of the evidence in all cases which the attorney for the Police Commission thinks might be carried further? It seems to me that is the only thing necessary under this order, and it seems to me it is entirely fair and just to the city, to the Council, and to the Police Department, to leave that order in the hands of His Honor the Mayor. I hope that the reference will hold.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman from Wd. 21, I wish to say that of course I am willing to agree that His Honor the Mayor is far more learned than either of us; but, still, that is not the question before the Council. If my friend thinks that any lawyer can take his stenographer into court and have his stenographer take the evidence, and then have that evidence looked upon by any court or body sitting in a judicial or semi-judicial capacity—have it considered by such a body as a report of the evidence, he is very much mistaken. There is in court an official stenographer, appointed by the court, and any evidence which is to be used as a matter of record, either before that same court or any other court or any semi-judicial body, must be attested by that stenographer as a correct report of the evidence offered before that court. I know from experience that the stenographers, realizing the monopoly they have, charge pretty good-sized rates. It is quite an expense to get the evidence taken in a case in court. I am willing to admit that many lawyers do take their private stenographers into court with them, but very often the evidence as taken out by them cannot be intelligibly figured out. He cites the case of the Police Commission, saying that they have their own stenographer. I admit that; but the Police Commission would have no right to direct their stenographer to go into court and take the evidence. No court would rely upon the evidence of the stenographer of the Board of Police as an authentic record. We would have no right, for instance, to send our stenographer of the Council up there to take that evidence. He is not paid for that, but simply for reporting our meetings. The courts have established an official, for that direct purpose. I think it is unfair that any citizen who is to come before us and ask for compensation for any injuries received or expense incurred should have imposed upon him this additional burden.

The motion to reconsider reference of the order to His Honor the Mayor was declared lost. Mr. Mancovitz doubted the vote and asked for a verification by a rising vote, which was taken, and the motion to reconsider was lost, three members voting in the affirmative, fifteen in the negative.

Mr. MANCOVITZ raised the point of order that there was not a quorum present, whereupon the Chair directed the Clerk to call the roll, which was done with the following result:

Present—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins, H. J., Colman, Conboy, Conway, (3) J. J., Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Drummond, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F.,

Good, Grady, Higgins, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams—44.

Absent—Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, J. F., Conway, (23) J. J., Crowley, J. F., Driscoll, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, MacLoud, Maynard, McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Wood—31.

The PRESIDENT—Forty-four members being present, the Chair will rule the point of order not well taken.

WARREN SQUARE.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 called up No. 19, assignment, viz.:

19. Ordered, That the open space at the intersection of Warren, Regent, and St. James Sts. be named and hereafter known as Joseph Warren Sq.

Q. on ordering to a second reading.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMONWEALTH PARK.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Bath Trustees through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place the grounds at Commonwealth Pk. in Wd. 13 in proper condition for ball-playing and other sports.

Referred to the Mayor.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23 called up No. 17, assignment, viz.:

17. An ordinance, viz.:

Be it Ordained: That on and after the first of September, 1904, the employees of the Fire Department shall have one day's leave of absence in every seven.

This ordinance shall go into effect on its receiving the approval of the Mayor.

Mr. PRICE offered the following as a substitute:—

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows: That on and after October 1, 1904, the uniformed men in the employ of the City of Boston, in the Fire Department, be and hereby are granted forty-eight hours leave of absence in every thirteen days, to be divided as follows: Twenty-four hours continuous leave of absence, twelve hours continuous leave of absence, A.M.; twelve hours leave of absence, P.M.; at least three days are to expire between each leave of absence.

It was voted to substitute the order by Mr. Price for No. 17 on the calendar, and the substitute ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, in support of this ordinance, I have taken considerable trouble to obtain a little information which is directly contrary to some of the statements which have been made within this Council and outside of this Council—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that there does not appear to be anything before the Council. The substitute ordinance has been referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, I understand that the Chair recognized me before he made the reference.

The PRESIDENT—The ordinance was referred to the Committee on Ordinances. If the gentleman wishes to move a suspension of the rule, he can do so.

Mr. PRICE—Do I understand that the Chair made the reference before he recognized me?

The PRESIDENT—If the Chair's recollection is correct, that is the case. As to

whether the Chair's recollection is correct or not, the Chair will have to refer the gentleman to the stenographer's notes.

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, can a member get recognition, with all due courtesy—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw the reference, and will recognize Mr. Price.

Mr. PRICE—Thank you. I wish simply to read a little evidence which cannot be disputed, because it is in black and white. In order that it may not be charged that politics is intermixed with the passage of this ordinance, I have taken particular care to obtain this evidence from both democratic and republican cities. The first letter which I will read is from the Mayor's office in the City of New Orleans:

"State of Louisiana.

Mayoralty of New Orleans.

City Hall, June 29, 1904.

"Hon. James A. Price, Councilman, 62 Malcolm St., Boston, Mass:

"Dear Sir: I am directed by His Honor the Mayor to acknowledge receipt of your letter making inquiry as to the hours of labor of firemen in this city—that is, men in the Fire Department.

Work:

21 hours out of 24 hours.

3 hours for meals.

3 leaves a month, of 24 hours.

Yours truly,

C. A. Hubert, Secretary for the Mayor."

That is practically the same as in the City of Boston. From Philadelphia I have received the following:—

"Department of Public Safety,

Bureau of Fire.

Philadelphia, July 1, 1904.

"J. A. Price, Esq., 62 Malcolm St., Boston, Mass.:—

"Dear Sir: In answer to your letter to His Honor the Mayor in reference to the hours of the men in this Bureau, would say that the companies are manned as follows:

Engine company..... 12 men
Truck company..... 13 men
Chemical company..... 5 men
Leave of absence, two men 24 hours each a week. Every man also has seven days' leave of absence a year with pay.

Yours respectfully,

James C. Baxter, Jr., Chief Engineer."

The following is from Detroit:—

"Office of the Fire Commission,

Of the City of Detroit.

Detroit, July 1, 1904.

"James A. Price, Esq., 62 Malcolm St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: Yours of the 25th ult. to the Mayor of this city, asking for information on the leave days granted by this Department, is at hand.

In reply thereto, would say that our men are granted two leaves of 24 hours each in eleven days, or to be more exact, the man that is on leave today gets leave again on the 6th. His next leave would be on the 12th. In addition to this, each member of the uniform force is entitled to a furlough of ten days with full pay. Above the rank of captain, officers are granted a leave of fifteen days each year.

Yours truly,

G. W. Stockwell, Secretary."

From New York, I have received the following:—

"Fire Department, City of New York.

Borough of Manhattan, July 7, 1904.

Hon. James A. Price, 62 Malcolm St., Boston, Mass.

"Sir: In reply to your communication of the 25th ultimo, forwarded from the office of His Honor, Mayor George B. McClellan, relative to the hours of duty of members of the uniformed force of this department, the following information, furnished by the Chief of Department, is herewith submitted:—

"The men are practically"—

Mr. REAGAN of Wd. 14—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. REAGAN—That there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the Clerk to call the roll, to ascertain the attendance.

The clerk called the roll, with the following result:—

Present—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Conway (3), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, W. A. H., Dalton, Dolan, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McKirdy, McKnight, Newton, Pierce, Price, Simms, Warner—22.

Absent—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Colman, Conboy, Conway (23), Crowley, J. F., Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Leavitt, MacLoud, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Rochkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams, Wood—33.

The PRESIDENT—Twenty-two members being present, according to the roll, the Chair will declare the point of order well taken, and will declare the Council adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, August 8, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Bromberg and Quigley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Whelton, to dispense with the reading of the Records of the last meeting.

AMUSEMENT LICENSES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., August 6, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval votes of your Board, passed August 1, 1904, granting amusement licenses to Thomas R. O'Connor, for Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St.; to Israel Goldberg, for Concord Hall, 75 West Concord St.; M. Shenkel, for Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., and to Bertha Sampson, for Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.—all of said licenses covering the year ending August 1, 1905.

Dancing is one of the things covered by each of your votes granting the above licenses; and I am informed by the Police Department that the dance halls maintained in the past by the above licensees have been noisy and troublesome, both in the halls and on the street, and that frequent complaints have been received from persons living in the vicinity. A written protest against the granting of a license to Dover Hall has also been received by me.

The evidence is strong that these halls, as maintained in the past, have a tendency to increase immorality, and no new licenses should be granted.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petition for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Thomas R. Sullivan, an illuminated sign, at 7 Winthrop St., Wd. 2.

Thomas R. Sullivan, an illuminated sign, at 24 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Commercial Cable Co., an illuminated sign, at 112 State St., Wd. 6.

Achille Strollo, four barber poles, at 163 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Albert E. Chadbourne, an illuminated sign, at 8 Howard St., Wd. 6.

E. Littlefield, an illuminated sign, at 7 Green St., Wd. 8.

Charles E. Barbera, two barber poles and two signs, at 33 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Naigles Bros., two signs, at 15 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 8.

Louis Smith, two barber poles, at 28 Myrtle St., Wd. 11.

John R. Magullon & Co., an illuminated sign, at 576 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Murphy & Moynihan, a sign, at 22 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Samuel Sehlher, a sign, at 291 D St., Wd. 13.

Joseph Spang & Co., an illuminated sign, at 2017 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Isadore Cline, a sign, at 1153 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Wd. 11 Democratic Committee, two transparencies, 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Michael P. Daly, political transparency, 118 Roxbury St., Wd. 18.

Tammany Club, Wd. 17, campaign transparency, 172 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Bromfield Iron Co., illuminated sign, 20 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

A. M. Pendleton, agent, for compensation for expense incurred in opening a drain in Barton Court, caused by the alleged negligence of employees of the city.

Thomas M. Horan, to be paid expense of clearing out drain at 11 Leeds St., stopped up by alleged negligence of the City of Boston.

Charles Henry Parker, for payment to Samuel D. Parker of balance remaining from tax sale of estate 4 Elmore St., Wd. 21.

Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to remove poles, viz.:— One at corner of Belgrade Ave. and Corinth St.; three on South St., near Fletcher St.; and one on Centre St., near Church St., Ward 23.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove four poles on Poplar St., near Washington St., Wd. 23.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove two poles on Norfolk St., near Morton St., Wd. 24.

Same company, for leave to attach wires to seven trees on Ashford St., between Chester and Linden Sts., Wd. 25.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Ansel McCarrison and W. E. Burnham, for the trimming of four trees corner of Fourth and P Sts., South Boston.

Licenses.

Remonstrance of St. Paul Baptist Church against the granting of an amusement license to J. R. Benn, at Casino Hall, 830 Tremont St.

Joseph H. Mealey, for leave to exhibit wax figures and pictures at 122 Court St., for two weeks beginning August 10, 1904.

Trustees Huntington Chambers Trust, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Huntington Chambers Hall, 30 Huntington Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Jacob Milch, for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at German Workingmen's Association Hall, 22-26 Amory St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Odd Fellows' Hall Association, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Odd Fellows' Hall, 515 Tremont St., for season ending August 1, 1905.

Walter McNally, for a license for a merry-go-round on vacant lot corner Harrison Ave. and Hunneman St., for week ending August 13, 1904.

Public Improvements.

Whiton & Haynes Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Merlin, Algonquin, School, Harvard and Bradlee Sts.

Metropolitan Coal Co., for leave to erect guy posts in Nelscn and Norfolk Sts.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

James V. Devire, 301-5 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17; Benjamin S. Blanchard, 89 Burrell St., Wd. 17; D. A. MacAuley, 17-23 Harvard St., Wd. 21.

LEAVE GRANTED ON PETITION.

Ald. HENNESSEY presented the petition of the Democratic Committee of Wd. 24 for leave to project a transparency at 143½ Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, and moved that leave be granted under a suspension of the rule.

The rule was suspended and leave was granted.

HEARING AT THREE O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Grenville D. Braman and Benjamin D. Hyde, Trustees, for leave to project a marquise from the Hotel Lenox on Exeter St., Wd. 10.
No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM COMMON COUNCIL.

2. Ordered, That the open space at the intersection of Warren, Regent and St. James Sts., be named and hereafter known as Joseph Warren Sq.

Passed in concurrence.

3. Report of the Committee on Printing (Councilmen Bradley and Leavitt dissenting) recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to make a contract, under the direction of the Committee on Printing, for publishing the proceedings of the City Council in a daily newspaper in this city for one year; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council Proceedings.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection, Chairman DOYLE called up Nos. 4 and 5, which were considered together, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

4. James A. Sweeney, to be Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures and Scizer of Illegal Coal, Coke and Charcoal Measures, for the term ending April 30, 1905, vice John L. Donovan, resigned.

5. James Fraser, to be a Constable for the term ending April 30, 1905, vice John S. Harkin, deceased.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Alds. Frothingham and Baldwin. Whole number of ballots cast, 11; yes, 11, and the several appointments were confirmed.

RAILROAD POLICE.

Notice was received from the Boston & Maine Railroad Company that certain railroad police, the list being appended, are no longer in the employ of the railroad.

The notice was placed on file.

A copy was received from the office of the Board of Police, of the record of the appointment of certain railroad police officers as employees of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

Notice was received from the City Treasurer of the approval of the surety on the bond of William B. Handy.
Approved by the Board.

PETROLEUM LICENSE.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of the disapproval of the petition of George C. Fitzpatrick for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at Jeffries' Point, foot of Maverick St., East Boston.

On the said petition, the Board granted leave to withdraw.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to the soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston, for the month of August, 1904.

The report was accepted and the order was passed.

CLERK HIRE.

Ald. WHELTON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on pay-roll of Suffolk Registry of Deeds (ordered Aug. 1)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the pay-roll of the Suffolk Registry of Deeds for the period from June 27, 1904, to July 30, 1904, submitted to the Board of Aldermen Aug. 1, 1904, be hereby approved for the sum of Twenty-One Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$2119.94), and that the sum of Two Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$210) be added thereto, of which sum One Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$140) be paid to William C. Brackett, and Seventy Dollars (\$70) to John W. Johnson.

Report accepted; order passed.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. CURLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted report recommending that leave be granted on petitions referred today, as follows:—

Bromfield Inn Co., to project an illuminated sign at 20 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Tammany Club, Wd. 17, to project a campaign transparency at 172 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Michael P. Daly, to project a political transparency at 118 Roxbury St., Wd. 18.

Wd. 11 Democratic Committee, to project two transparencies at 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Joseph Spang & Co., to project an illuminated sign at 2017 Washington St., Wd. 18.

John R. Magullion & Co., to erect an illuminated sign at 576 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12.

Also reports on the following petitions, referred August 1:—

James T. Maguire, to project an unlettered lamp at 338 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joseph P. Whelan, to project two unlettered lamps at 400 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions:

Walter McNally (referred today), for a license for a merry-go-round on vacant lot corner Harrison Ave. and Hunneman St., for the week ending August 13.

Harry Rosenberg (referred Aug. 1), for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Schwartz Hall, 15 Leverett St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 16 newsboys, two bootblacks and one vendor.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the petition of the N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to attach wires to seven trees on Ashford St., between Chester and Linden Sts., Wd. 25—Recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Sept. 12, 1904, at 3 P.M., when any persons desiring to object may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report (in part) on the petition of the Fire Commissioner (recommended July 11) for leave to erect lamp and terminal

posts in sundry locations—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George J. Rush; said poles to be located as follows:—

Corner Cedar and Thornton Sts., Rox., 1 pole; Forest Hills St. and Glen Rd., J. P., 1 pole; Green St. and Boylston Ave., J. P., 1 pole; Washington and Morton Sts., J. P., 1 pole; Summer and Melcher Sts., S. B., 1 pole; Bartlett St., near Washington St., Rox., 1 pole; Dale St., near Washington St., Rox., 1 pole; Walk Hill St., corner Washington St., J. P., 1 pole; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 12 ft.x14 in.; date of plan, May, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass. (referred Aug. 1), for leave to remove 2 poles—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove from Central Sq., Wd. 2, two poles shown by red dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated June 12, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports on petitions of the same company (severally referred Aug. 1), for leave to relocate poles—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Adams St., near Bakers Court, Wd. 24, 1 pole; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 3ft.; date of plan, July 23, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Adams St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Rockwell St., near Washington St., Wd. 24, 3 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, July 11, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Rockwell St. three poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports on similar petitions (severally referred August 8)—Recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Poplar St., near Washington St., Wd. 23, 4 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35ft.x13in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, July 30, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Poplar St. four poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Norfolk St., near Morton St., Wd. 24, 2 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 30ft.x12in.; width of sidewalk, 8ft.; date of plan July 30, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Norfolk St. two poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the same company (referred Aug. 8), for leave to remove poles—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove poles as follows:—One at corner of Belgrade Ave. and Corinth St.; three on South St., near Fletcher St.; and one on Centre St., near Church St., Wd. 23; said poles being shown by red dots on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated July 23, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

STEAM APPARATUS IN THEATRES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Building Commissioner be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to this Board as to the conditions existing in theatres or places of public amusement so far as danger exists to the patrons of such places, as before mentioned, from any steam apparatus in such buildings which are used for any other purposes than for heating or elevator purposes.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, my object in introducing this order is to call to the attention of the Building Commissioner the

conditions that exist in one of our leading playhouses in the City of Boston. I am satisfied that the people of Boston have no desire to have a repetition of the horrible disaster that took place in the city of Chicago occur in the city of Boston. I believe, if it is possible for us to adopt any method that may act as a preventative of a disaster of that nature, it is our duty as public servants to see to it that the attention of the authorities who have jurisdiction over those matters is called to it. There is a playhouse in the city of Boston in the basement of which is conducted a Turkish bath establishment, where hundreds of gallons of boiling water that are used in the establishment are constantly on hand. I am satisfied that if any of those large boilers in which that boiling water is stored burst while a performance was taking place in the theatre, it would not only be a menace to, but would probably mean a tremendous loss of life of those attending the performance. I am satisfied that if the Building Commissioner will investigate the conditions there—and it is unnecessary to mention another theatre in the city where those conditions exist—proper steps will be taken either to close the theatre or prevent the establishment I have referred to from doing business under the theatre, so long as it remains a menace to public safety.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WAGES OF FIREMEN, PARENTAL SCHOOL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Children's Institutions Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to increase the wages of firemen at Parental School from \$30 to \$50 per month.

Passed. Sent down.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ASSESSMENTS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Jan. 7, 1904, assessed for sidewalk construction against the following-named estates on Hillside St., Wd. 19, be, and the same is hereby rescinded; the owners herein named having furnished a portion of the material used in said construction:—

No. 201, Michael Maloney, et al., \$61.37.

No. 147, Mary B. Cleary, \$29.34.

No. 78, Patrick Seabury, et al., \$45.07.

No. 69, heirs or devisees of Andrew McCarthy, \$62.53.

The same estates are hereby assessed as follows:—

No. 201, Michael Maloney, et al., \$49.72.

No. 147, Mary B. Cleary, \$19.

No. 78, Patrick Seabury, et al., \$29.40.

No. 69, heirs or devisees of Andrew McCarthy, \$42.46.

Passed.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Jan. 14, 1904, as levied assessments on account of sidewalk construction against the estates of Eliza Favor, administratrix, et al., on L St. at E. Ninth St., Wd. 14, be and the same is hereby rescinded to correct error in ownership. The same estates are hereby assessed as follows:—

Franklin L. Joy, et als., Trustees under the will of John D. W. Joy, L St., West side, at E. Ninth St., \$328.27.

L St., East side, at E. Ninth St., \$299.73.

Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved Dec. 17, 1902, as assessed the sum of \$5.33 for edgestone assessment against the estate of James McMorrow, Westville St., at the corner of Ditson St., Wd. 20, be and the same is here-

by rescinded, the same being assessed in error.

Passed.

EAST SIDEWALK, ATLANTIC AVE.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the width of the easterly sidewalk on Atlantic Ave. from near Broad St. to Eastern Ave. be established as shown on a plan marked "Sidewalks on Easterly side of Atlantic Ave., between Broad St. and Eastern Ave., August 6th, 1904, William Jackson, City Engineer," on file in the office of said City Engineer.

Passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, September 12, 1904, at three o'clock P.M., and that hearings assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

LABOR DAY PARADE.

Ald. KNEELAND offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following named streets on Monday, September 5, 1904, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Boston Central Labor Union, and the Building Trades Council—said procession to start at 10 A.M. on said date, viz:—

For the Formation, from 8 A.M. till noon.

Boylston, Dartmouth, Exeter, Gloucester, Fairfield, Hereford, Newbury and Marlboro Sts., and Massachusetts Ave.

For the Parade,

Boylston, Berkeley, Tremont and Dedham Sts., Shawmut Ave., Dover, Washington and Eliot Sts., Park Sq., Charles, Beacon, School and Washington Sts., and Adams Sq., where the parade will be dismissed.

Further Ordered, That the City Messenger, under the direction of the Board of Police be authorized to rope off such of said streets as may be necessary; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Ordered, That the order passed by this Board January 11, 1904, for the formation and passage of the parade of said bodies, be and is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

TRIMMING OF TREES, ETC.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree at 588 East Seventh St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That permission be granted to W. J. Craig to remove, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Grounds and at his own expense, two trees standing in front of estate No. 1 Vinal St., Wd. 25; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

CHANGES IN WINTHROP STATUE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Art Commissioners be authorized to expend not exceeding five hundred dollars in making such changes in the statue of Governor Winthrop and the pedestal therefor as the said Commission may consider necessary or desirable, before the relocation of the said statue on Marlborough St.; the amount expended by the Commission for the above purpose to be paid from the income from the Phillips St. fund.

Passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. BOWEN, the Board took a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 3:37 P. M.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Ald. BOWEN, in the absence of Chairman Doyle, at 4:32 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. KNEELAND, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred Aug. 1), relative to settlement for land near Western Ave., Brighton, taken by the Metropolitan Park Commission—recommending the passage of the accompanying order and that the message be sent down.

The order was as follows:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to settle the claim of the City of Boston against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the eighth-tenths of an acre of marsh land in the rear of Western Ave., Brighton, taken by the Metropolitan Park Commission in 1895 for park purposes, and that in making such settlement he be authorized to establish a building line and to make such other restrictions on the remaining land as he shall deem proper.

The report was accepted and the order was passed. Message and order sent down.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto, as follows:—

Carl H. Schleicher (referred June 13), to construct, maintain and use areas with patent sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk along the Bennington and Byron St. sides of estate 622 Bennington St., Wd. 1, 25 feet on Bennington St., and 25 feet on Byron St.

The Whiton & Hynes Co. (referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows:—

One on Metlin St., about 200 feet from Athelwold St.; one on Algonquin St., about

200 feet from Harvard St.; one at corner of School and Bradlee Sts.; one at Harvard St., about 100 feet from Thane St.; one on Bradlee St., about 200 feet from School St., Wd. 20, for use during the erection of a schoolhouse.

Metropolitan Construction Co. (referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows:—

One in Nelson St., between 10 and 14; one in Norfolk St., between 298 and 300; one in Norfolk St., between 358 and 551, for use during bridge construction.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Report on the order (referred Aug. 1), requesting the Superintendent of Streets to cause the catch basins in Newburg St., Wd. 23, to be cleaned, and to cause the sidewalks on said street to be placed in proper condition for public travel—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SIDEWALKS.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 458 Tremont St., and along Nos. 89 and 91 Compton St., Wd. 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Nos. 22, 24, 26, 28, 52 and 54 Clarence St., Wd. 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Orders severally passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. Hennessey, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 4:36 P.M., on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to meet on Monday, September 12, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Wednesday, August 24, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at 12 M., for the purpose of drawing jurors. Chairman Doyle presided and a quorum was present.

Jurors were drawn under the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, as follows:

36 traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, September 12, viz:

William J. Dowd, Wd. 4; Josiah B. Millet, Wd. 11; John F. Lowney, Wd. 19; John Connell, Wd. 20; John H. North, Jr., Wd. 22; Charles D. Hedman, Wd. 2; Charles F. Thompson, Wd. 7; Thomas F. Conlin, Wd. 22; Ignatius J. Craffy, Wd. 23; William J. Deacon, Wd. 14; Pomeroy W. Wells, Wd. 11; Gustave A. Friedel, Wd. 23; George H. Fuller, Wd. 21; J. Pickering Putnam, Wd. 11; J. Frank Currier, Wd. 21; Edward F. Evans, Wd. 15; Wesley V. Carmichael, Wd. 21; George F. Wentworth, Wd. 8; Hubert H. McCorkle, Wd. 17; William E. Mock, Wd. 23; Edward Hackett, Wd. 9; Arthur J. Carey, Wd. 17; William V. Hatch, Wd. 1; Arthur R. Bowman, Wd. 24; William Hemsworth, Wd. 17; John H. Banks, Wd. 18; Thomas E. Turnbull, Wd. 22; Joseph M.

Bradley, Wd. 20; John McManus, Wd. 19; Frederick C. Bowes, Wd. 20; Lewis E. Tracey, Wd. 20; Arthur H. Newman, Wd. 11; Richard Dateman, Wd. 8; John Allen, Wd. 17; Albert D. Handy, Wd. 12; William J. Geraghty, Wd. 13.

42 traverse jurors, Supreme Judicial Court, second Tuesday of September, viz:

Albert C. Dean, Wd. 20; Adam J. Hucks, Wd. 17; George W. Craig, Wd. 24; Charles A. Halstrom, Wd. 14; Joseph V. W. Carver, Wd. 9; Arthur S. Percy, Wd. 10; Frederick H. Briggs, Wd. 11; James E. Butler, Wd. 3; S. Bayard Thompson, Wd. 12; Frank E. Cruft, Wd. 16; John W. Lufkin, Wd. 10; Frank P. Gorman, Wd. 9; John Fleming, Wd. 5; Otto Albrecht, Wd. 22; Martin A. Carney, Wd. 15; Frederick J. Sanderson, Wd. 9; John F. Urquhart, Wd. 15; John F. Gibley, Wd. 13; John N. Burdon, Wd. 21; Edward D. Blake, Wd. 11; George H. Lane, Wd. 13; John F. Moynihan, Wd. 9; Christian Michelsen, Wd. 2; Daniel J. Curley, Wd. 18; William J. Noon, Wd. 23; James T. Bryant, Wd. 11; Willis S. Moulton, Wd. 12; Edward W. White, Wd. 19; Albert R. Dickson, Wd. 19; James A. Campbell, Jr., Wd. 16; George W. States, Wd. 10; F. William Kuhn, Wd. 14; Samuel Whitehead, Wd. 14; Herman A. Hetzer, Wd. 22; George T. Litchfield, Wd. 4; Isreal N. Steinert, Wd. 18; Hugh McGinley, Wd. 3; George R. Niles, Wd. 16; Otis G. Bramhall, Wd. 20; Patrick Sullivan, Wd. 2; James H. Halligan, Wd. 2; John B. Fitts, Wd. 18.

Adjourned at 12.18 o'clock P. M.



CITY OF BOSTON.**Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.**

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at 1 P.M., for the purpose of

drawing jurors. Chairman Doyle being absent Alderman Bowen presided and a quorum was present.

Five Grand Jurors were drawn under the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, as follows:

Edward Shanahan, Wd. 6; Edward J. Leonard, Wd. 20; John A. McNamara, Wd. 14; John J. Kennedy, Wd. 20; John Keenan, Wd. 21.

Adjourned at 1:18 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Sept. 12, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Whelton, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz:

Fourteen petit jurors, United States District Court, September term, viz.:

William Thomasson, Wd. 1; William F. Juggins, Wd. 18; Jeremiah O'Connor, Wd. 16; Fred W. Gordon, Wd. 10; William Finlay, Wd. 18; Henry C. Clements, Wd. 13; Herbert N. Nute, Wd. 21; Francis J. Hefernan, Wd. 21; John H. Dahl, Wd. 24; Thomas P. Kenny, Wd. 4; James J. Carney, Wd. 5; H. Harry Fish, Wd. 17; James W. O'Brien, Wd. 4; John J. Hawkes, Wd. 20.

Jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, viz.:

Thirty traverse jurors, first session, October sitting, viz.:

William T. Denon, Wd. 12; Benjamin J. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 13; Artar Gordon, Wd. 6; Alfonso P. Perkins, Wd. 4; George A. Berry, Wd. 12; George G. McDonald, Wd. 18; Maurice J. Corbett, Wd. 17; Charles A. Young, Wd. 20; Newton H. Redpath, Wd. 16; Charles H. Haley, Wd. 1; Harry M. Fletcher, Wd. 25; William Canning Clapp, Wd. 16; Henry J. Murphy, Wd. 24; John E. Benson, Jr., Wd. 19; Willard B. Avery, Wd. 8; George E. Welles, Wd. 9; Louis A. Greyer, Wd. 9; John W. Sands, Wd. 23; Alfred Seagren, Wd. 1; Joseph B. Sanford, Wd. 24; Patrick Healey, Wd. 1; Lewis G. Flagg, Wd. 11; Patrick F. Delaney, Jr., Wd. 13; William P. Bullard, Wd. 20; Edward Graham, Wd. 7; William E. McMahon, Wd. 13; Edward J. Howe, Wd. 20; John L. Faxon, Wd. 11; James H. Gavin, Wd. 16; Franklin R. Brooks, Wd. 3.

Thirty traverse jurors, second session, October sitting, viz.:

Everard W. Jordan, Wd. 20; George R. Perkins, Wd. 9; John D. Costello, Wd. 9; Leander E. H. Jones, Wd. 20; Andrew J. Cahill, Wd. 17; Benjamin Piscopo, Wd. 6; Michael J. O'Brien, Wd. 8; James W. Locke, Wd. 5; Alden B. Johnson, Wd. 14; William J. Rourke, Wd. 16; John Powers, Wd. 15; Michael H. Hart, Wd. 3; Edwin W. Clark, Wd. 9; Thomas M. Adam, Wd. 12; Harry S. Smith, Wd. 19; Edward McCullough, Wd. 19; John E. Harrington, Wd. 2; Joseph G. Graves, Wd. 6; Wilbur F. Campbell, Wd. 12; James F. Cobb, Wd. 1; Robert F. Pickett, Wd. 16; Jeremiah D. Donovan, Wd. 19; Edward W. Johnson, Wd. 15; Joseph F. Kelly, Wd. 19; James C. Sullivan, Wd. 13; Daniel J. Doherty, Wd. 5; James H. Fennon, Wd. 16; Frank X. O'Donnell, Wd. 11; Samuel F. Huston, Wd. 1; James H. Gilday, Wd. 3.

Thirty traverse jurors, third session, October sitting, viz.:

Thomas L. Barlow, Wd. 20; Albert F. Conant, Wd. 10; John S. Barrows, Wd. 10; Maurice J. McCarthy, Wd. 9; Charles H. Nevons, Wd. 22; Daniel G. Slatery, Wd. 20; John H. Harrington, Wd. 13; George H. Caffrey, Wd. 6; William J. Jordan, Wd. 3; Edson E. Sawyer, Wd. 17; John J. White, Wd. 20; John E. Hogan, Wd. 21; Alfred N. Wahlberg, Wd. 24; Angus McKay, Wd. 2; Frank R. Tackaberry, Wd. 3; Samuel Kel-

ley, Wd. 21; Albert W. Goodnow, Wd. 22; Fred A. Norcross, Wd. 25; Stephen C. Drew, Wd. 11; Willis DeL. Winsor, Wd. 10; Bernard Higgins, Wd. 20; William J. Mulready, Wd. 20; David McDonald, Wd. 24; John J. Pierce, Wd. 14; Jacob DeYoung, Wd. 21; Robert C. Browning, Wd. 4; Thomas McSweeney, Wd. 16; Edwin S. Cabot, Wd. 8; George Bolton, Wd. 7; Charles I. Hill, Wd. 12.

Thirty traverse jurors, fourth session, October sitting, viz.:

John P. Kelley, Wd. 23; William H. Campbell, Wd. 21; William Sullivan, Wd. 17; Frank E. Bertram, Wd. 21; William S. Ewing, Wd. 12; John McNamee, Wd. 3; Leonardo Varnerin, Wd. 17; Peter F. Lyons, Wd. 23; Stephen A. Bissett, Wd. 1; Patrick Sullivan, Wd. 6; Algat Sandquist, Wd. 22; Edward R. Fowle, Wd. 16; Joseph M. Davis, Wd. 6; Frederick J. Critche't, Wd. 2; William Scanlan, Wd. 20; Thomas W. Mitchell, Wd. 17; Walter H. Odway, Wd. 8; John E. Ryan, Wd. 21; Frank E. Kimball, Wd. 12; Benjamin H. Ticknor, Wd. 22; John W. Day, Wd. 14; Dennis H. Daly, Wd. 21; Edward Williams, Wd. 19; John L. Vierkant, Wd. 22; Martin Leftovich, Wd. 8; Lewis D. Sanders, Wd. 18; Clarence E. Sturgis, Wd. 10; William C. Copley, Wd. 9; Herbert R. Acon, Wd. 17; John McDevitt, Wd. 20.

Thirty traverse jurors, fifth session, October sitting, viz.:

Florence J. Hartnett, Wd. 17; William R. Kervin, Wd. 10; Andrew McCormick, Wd. 21; Harry R. Kenyon, Wd. 24; Thomas J. Flynn, Wd. 16; Andrew L. Scanlon, Wd. 1; Edward B. Smith, Wd. 20; George Murdock, Wd. 5; Christopher J. Crowley, Wd. 14; William J. Coleman, Wd. 15; James Dolan, Wd. 3; Lewis T. Lunt, Wd. 14; William C. Chase, Wd. 11; Edward J. Gilmore, Wd. 19; Thomas B. Hart, Wd. 4; James J. Bonner, Wd. 6; Dennis J. Collins, Wd. 13; William B. Clement, Wd. 24; William H. Lythgoe, Wd. 20; Francis Holland, Wd. 22; William J. Riley, Wd. 1; William B. Heath, Wd. 23; William Driscoll, Wd. 2; William H. Dolley, Wd. 14; George S. McLeod, Wd. 20; William H. Fairfield, Wd. 24; Edward F. Jarvis, Wd. 24; Edwin Clarke, Wd. 2; William F. Russell, Wd. 10; William H. Nitz, Wd. 22.

Thirty traverse jurors, sixth session, October sitting, viz.:

David M. Owens, Wd. 18; Edward B. Felling, Wd. 8; William A. Kolbenberger, Wd. 11; Robert Archibald, Wd. 24; William S. Lloyd, Wd. 21; Victor A. Sears, Wd. 11; Henry Cleary, Wd. 16; Thomas W. Malone, Wd. 8; James McCarthy, Wd. 18; Wesley J. Freeman, Wd. 3; George J. Henderson, Wd. 20; Charles A. J. Smith, Wd. 20; William F. Judon, Wd. 12; Frank E. Kingsley, Wd. 4; Joseph T. Walsh, Wd. 24; John Callahan, Wd. 9; Nathaniel Howard, Wd. 14; Everett Morse, Wd. 11; Israel H. Wolf, Wd. 21; Michael Hobbs, Wd. 8; Samuel H. Soring, Wd. 12; Charles W. Coe, Wd. 24; Edward J. McKee, Wd. 14; William H. Horan, Wd. 3; Thomas Moffitt, Wd. 6; William Hayball, Wd. 1; Laurence Curtis, Wd. 11; Joseph C. Gallivan, Wd. 15; William A. Sullivan, Wd. 15; Robert M. Molineux, Wd. 21.

Thirty traverse jurors, seventh session, October sitting, viz.:

Myles McDonough, Wd. 2; Walter S. Ingalls, Wd. 15; Carl Eberhard, Wd. 21; Rens Spaans, Wd. 23; Thomas B. Wynd, Wd. 13; George H. Peters, Wd. 1; John M. Fitzgerald, Wd. 4; Peter H. McNeely, Wd. 17; Benjamin F. Trublood, Wd. 21; Charles H. Deane, Wd. 1; Henry Mortimer, Wd. 7; John J. McDonald, Wd. 3; John Manning, Wd. 20; Daniel E. Harrington, Wd. 7; James F. Havlin, Wd. 3; George W. Wetherbee, Wd. 24; Charles F. Buttrick, Wd. 17; Henry J. Landry, Wd. 2; John B. Murphy, Wd. 9; Charles A. Viallo, Wd. 11; John B. O'Brien, Wd. 1; Frank A. Hoar, Wd. 5; Thomas Devlin, Wd. 1; Henry S.

Wilbur, Wd. 7; Howard L. Shurtleff, Wd. 11; David B. Houburger, Wd. 16; Walter N. Pudsey, Wd. 20; Lyman K. Eddy, Wd. 7; Charles F. Banks, Wd. 17; Charles M. Burton, Wd. 8.

EXPENDITURES, WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I enclose a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting a report as to how much of the money appropriated for the Wd. 9 Playground has been expended, and for what purposes.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Aug. 9, 1904.

Hon Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir—We have duly received and considered the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting us to inform the Board if any of the money appropriated for the Wd. 9 Playground has been expended, and if so, for what purposes, and to what amount.

I herewith enclose a statement of expenditures on account of the Randolph-St. Playground, in accordance with the foregoing request. Your respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Total amount expended on Randolph-St. Playground to July 31, 1904:—

Land.

Boston Industrial Home...	\$8,000.00	
Expenses	275.00	\$8,275.00

Construction.

Grading	\$5,616.34	
Loam	2,525.82	
Gymnasium apparatus and fence	2,368.25	
Drainage	896.81	
Plantation	150.39	
Buildings	119.25	
Water supply	111.16	
General work	60.77	
Walks	35.38	
		11,884.65
		\$20,159.65

Placed on file.

DISAPPROVAL—CHAP. 449, ACTS OF 1903.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I feel compelled to disapprove your Order accepting Chapter 449 of the Acts of 1903, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Make Payments to the Widows or Next of Kin of Its Deceased Employees."

This act and your order propose pure gratuities for no service rendered, or to be rendered, to the public, and neither the Legislature nor the City has the constitutional or moral right to use the public money for that purpose. The public money, raised by taxation, can be used legitimately only for the public benefit—for public improvements, for the maintenance of the public establishment, and for services rendered to the public.

It is true that pensions are paid to war veterans, policemen and firemen, engaged in hazardous lines of work, when disabled or worn out, and the reasons for placing them in classes by themselves are apparent; but these pensions cease upon the death of the recipient, and no public money is authorized to be paid to the widow or dependents.

The State has not adopted the policy of pensions to civil employees engaged in rou-

tine or non-hazardous work, but, on the contrary, it has set its face against it at every stage. The courts have decided over and over again that the money raised by taxation, and all public money, can be constitutionally used only for the public benefit. It cannot be said that, when a City employee dies, a payment to his widow or next of kin for no service rendered to the public is in any sense a public benefit, or anything whatever but a benefit to the receiver of the bounty.

To put this act in force—even if we had a right to do it—would, according to the best estimates, cost nearly \$200,000 a year. We have about 13,000 persons (including the Mayor) on the City payroll, and no man can point out where that money could come from. There is possibly one place; and I repeat the warning often given, that if we waste, divert or give away any of the City's money, the loss can fall nowhere except on the City laborers.

The City is the most liberal and generous of all employers, and the best paymaster, taking into consideration the services rendered and the hours worked, in the whole country. Better than any other employer that I know of, the City of Boston provides the rank and file of the men on its payroll with wages to maintain their families and lay up something for the day of misfortune. Our resources are sharply strained to meet that payroll, and we cannot afford to carry that payroll beyond the grave, howsoever our sympathies may be quickened by individual misfortunes.

With the tax rate necessarily increased forty cents—or forty cents beyond the rate of the last two years—with an arrested growth in our industries, with a shrinkage in values, so that many of our taxpayers find it difficult to get money to pay the interest on their mortgages, and even their taxes, the hour is not opportune for the Legislature or the City Council to impose upon the men and women who pay the bills any additional burdens.

Moreover, this act is not one of the general laws of the Commonwealth; the City did not ask for it; it rests upon an entirely wrong principle; and it ought to be rejected by the Council and repealed by the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred, on motion of Ald. WHELTON,

to Committee on Public Improvements.

VETO—CHAP. 402, ACTS OF 1904.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., August 13, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I return without my approval your Order accepting Chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of the Police Signal Service."

The present pension system covers all police officers, and rests upon a reason or principle not necessary here to recite, but which does not in any sense apply to men that are not policemen. The men employed in the police signal service are not policemen, and are not exposed to any of the risks or hazards that policemen undergo, and they are no more entitled to be embraced in the pension system than other "linemen" or the men employed in the Wire Department, or thousands of others employed in the City service. These men are compensated liberally, as compared with other City employees, and especially as compared with men doing similar service outside of the City employ. Their compensation ranges from \$1000 to \$2500 a year, and out of such salaries they ought to be able to lay up something for "a rainy day," as other men less favored do.

I object most emphatically to the further extension of civil pensions to men who are not engaged in extra-hazardous

employments. The City cannot afford it, and the men who are paid for services rendered must insure themselves.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Referred, on motion of Ald. CURLEY, to
Committee on Public Improvements.

LAND FOR STRANDWAY.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., August 17, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the City Auditor calling attention to a deficit of \$63,681.67 in the appropriation for the Strandway, caused by the payment of an execution of court, which exceeded the existing appropriation by that amount. It will be necessary to appropriate money to meet this deficit.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
City of Boston.

Auditing Department.

August 12, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston:
Sir:—An execution of court amounting to \$167,091.34 was paid today on account of taking of land for the Strandway, and charged to the appropriation for "Strandway, Purchase of Land and Construction of." As the balance is only \$103,409.67, there remain \$63,681.67 to be provided for.

Very truly,

James H. Dodge, City Auditor.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

SETTEES IN ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

The Following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Aug. 25, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your letter requesting them to place settees on the Motley Hill portion of the Arnold Arboretum.

Respectfully,

James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor.
City of Boston, Park Department,
Boston, August 13, 1904.

Hon. James H. Doyle, Acting Mayor, City Hall, Boston:

Dear Sir:—The Board has received and duly considered the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen, requesting us to place settees in the Arnold Arboretum.

We regret to say that we have no settees that we can place there, and as we have on hand funds barely sufficient for the ordinary maintenance of the parks, we cannot apply any of it to the object named in the order.

Very truly,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.
Sent down.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following were received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., September 12, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Carl F. Corey (27 Berwick Park, Wd. 10) a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., September 12, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint John H. Cavanaro (162 I St.,) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law.

PATROLMEN FOR MARINE PARK.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in reference to your order of August 1st, requesting that Board to detail more patrolmen during the summer season for duty at Marine Park and the Strandway.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Office of the Board of Police,

29 Pemberton Sq.

August 25, 1904.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor of the City of Boston, City Hall, Boston:—

My dear sir—I am directed by the Board of Police to acknowledge the receipt of the order passed by the honorable Board of Aldermen August first, requesting the Board of Police to detail more patrolmen during the summer season for the better protection of people and property at Marine Park and the Strandway at South Boston. This has been referred to the Superintendent, and Capt. Lowery of Division 12 reports that he has taken measures to amply comply with this order. We will, however, transfer several more officers to his division, in order that this very important part of the city may receive ample protection.

Very truly yours,

W. H. H. Emmons, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REMOVAL OF DECEASED FROM HOSPITAL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Sept. 12, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital in answer to your order of June 13, requesting information as to "what objection, if any, would exist to extending the hours during which the removal of the bodies of deceased patients is allowed." The Trustees have determined to modify the existing regulation in regard to the removal of bodies, under certain conditions, in cases which are considered urgent, by substituting seven o'clock in place of six o'clock P.M., and by reducing the period of six hours after death to three hours.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

The Boston City Hospital,

Boston, Sept. 1, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor of Boston.

Sir: The Trustees of The Boston City Hospital have received through you, from the Board of Aldermen, the following communication:—

"Ordered: That the Trustees of the City Hospital, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board what objection, if any, would exist to extending the hours during which the removal of the bodies of deceased patients is allowed, as the present rule is a hardship in some cases, and necessitates the detention of bodies in some instances for a period of over twenty hours."

The Trustees, in regard to the care and disposition of the bodies of patients who have died at the Hospital, have felt that the subject so deeply touches the interests and sympathies of the family and friends of such patients, that the greatest care should be exercised. In discharging these responsibilities, they have insisted, for the security of the community, that the cause of death should be certified by the attending physician or surgeon, as required by law, that sufficient time should elapse, after supposed death, to make sure that death has actually taken place, and that for obvious reasons the removal of bodies

should not be made in the night. In order to secure such safety, the Trustees ten years ago, established the following regulation:—

"An interval of six hours shall elapse after death before the removal of the body of a patient from the Hospital, provided that no body shall be removed from the Hospital between the hours of six o'clock P.M., and ten o'clock A.M. Certificates as to the cause of death shall be certified by the attending Physician or Surgeon, or, in his absence, by any other Visiting Physician or Surgeon, before they are signed by the Superintendent. This rule may, in individual instances, be abrogated by the assent in writing of at least two of the Trustees, and except also that after the lapse of six hours, or after ten o'clock in the morning, as the case may be, the Superintendent may, in his discretion, sign certificates without the certification of the Physician or Surgeon."

The Trustees desire to show every possible accommodation to the public, consistent with a due regard to the safety of the community and the best interests of patients, and they have determined that they may properly modify the above regulations by substituting 7 o'clock in place of 6 o'clock P.M., and by reducing the period of six hours after death to three hours, in cases which are considered urgent in the matter of removal, upon the certification in writing of the Superintendent or his Assistant on duty for the time being that such removal will be proper and is urgent; that the House Officer in direct charge of the patient may certify to the Superintendent as to the cause of death, upon the authority of his Visiting Physician or Surgeon, given by telephone or otherwise, such authorization to be confirmed later in writing.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,
Conrad J. Rueter, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. Mary E. Hunter, two windows, at 11 Gove St., Wd. 2.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. Mary Hurwitz, two windows, at 238 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Robert Silverman, Attorney for Bernard Millmaster, 250 Chambers St.; George Aggars, 319 Charles St., and Louis Coretsky, 238 Chambers St., severally objected to the granting of the petition, Mr. Silverman stating to Ald. Curley that his client did not own any property on the same street with bay windows projecting from it.

3. Mrs. B. M. Hird, one window, at 162 Broadway extension, Wd. 13.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

4. I. Nesson, a marquise, from building 12-18 Garrison St., Wd. 10.

A remonstrance was received from Melville L. Cobb against the projection of the proposed marquise. No further objections. Recommended, with the remonstrance, to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

5. Charles E. Cotting et al., trustees, three marquises, from proposed building bounded by Essex St., Hayward Pl. and Harrison Ave., viz.: One on Essex St., one on Hayward Pl. and one on the corner of Harrison Ave. and Essex St.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

On petitions for licenses to keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:—

6. H. P. Hood & Sons, at 494 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

7. Massachusetts Automobile Club, at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

8. William G. Seavey, at 616 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

9. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for a location for a single curve track, with the right to use the overhead electric system thereon, at the northerly corner of Dorchester and West Eighth Sts., South Boston.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Railroads.

On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:—

10. Two on Bennington St., between Bennington and Shelby Sts., Wd. 1.

Mrs. James McClellan, 297 Bennington St., and Mrs. Margaret DeWitt, 301 Bennington St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Baldwin, with instructions to give a public hearing.

11. Two on Decatur St., between Liverpool and London Sts., Wd. 2.

Antonio L. Cornetta, 27 Decatur St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition. No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

12. Two on Orleans St., between Sumner and Webster Sts., Wd. 2.

James O'Reilly, 42 Webster St., appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Whelton, with instructions to give a public hearing.

13. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect three poles on Main St., between Haverhill St. and the Somerville line.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:—

14. One on Ruggles St., near Huntington Ave., Wd. 19.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

15. Two on St. James St., near Washington St., Wd. 21; one on Oakland St., near Washington St., Wd. 21; one on Westminster Ave., near Washington St., Wd. 21; one on School St., near Washington St., Wd. 22; two on Marcella St., near Washington St., Wd. 22; one at the corner of Thornton and Marcella Sts., Wd. 22; five on Thornton St., between Ellis and Marcella Sts., Wd. 22, and three on Valentine Sts., between Washington and Thornton Sts., Wd. 22.

Councilman Cook of Wd. 21, for Miss Grace Clark, 69 St. James St.; E. A. McLaughlin, Attorney for Miss Rose A. Dcoley, 67 St. James St.; R. A. Miller, 750 Fourth St.; John O'Hare, 1 Garden Court St.; Henry V. Cunningham, and John J. Kelly, severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles on Valentine St. A. Ziegler of 1 Ellet St., corner Thornton St.; Margaret A. Faulkner, 188 Thornton St.; Mrs. C. S. Galvin, 178 Thornton St.; Miss Mary E. Keogh, 15 Marcella St.; Frank H. Kemp, 12 Fuller and 2 Ellet Sts.; Joseph Schaff, 139 Thornton St.; Gabriel Rund, 135 Thornton St., severally objected on behalf of Thornton St., and Edward Seaver of 58 Warren St. and C. M. Faurce of 285 Washington St., also appeared and objected.

Remonstrances were also received from Miss Clark, 65 St. James St.; Ellen F. O'Hare, 351 Tremont St., and John O'Hare and others, against the erection of poles on St. James St., Valentine St. and Thornton St., respectively.

No further objections. Petition recommended with remonstrances, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

tee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. Kneeland.

36. On petition of the same company for leave to attach wires to seven trees on Ashford St., between Chester and Linden St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. Frothingham.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committees named, viz.:-

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:-

Mass. Horticultural Society, four plain light globes in front of building on Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

E. E. Morse, an illuminated sign, at 10 Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

James H. Doyle, (two), a political transparency, at 69 W. Concord St., Wd. 12, and one at 1873 Washington St., Wd. 12.

Dr. Barnett Bruce, an illuminated sign, at 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Wm. F. McClellan, a campaign transparency, at 262 Bernington St., Wd. 1.

John J. Flaherty, a political transparency, at 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Louis Heinzen, a sign, at 60 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Roger Crouse, a sign, at 8 Havre St., Wd. 2.

F. H. G. Whitehouse, a sign, at 89 Court St., Wd. 6.

H. N. Lockwood, a wooden sign, at 9 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

R. P. Janette, Res. Mgr., two unlettered lights in front of the Globe Theatre, 688 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Wm. F. Goldwasser, two signs, at 133 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Dr. N. N. Levins, two small drum signs, at 117 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Mink & Fitzpatrick, an illuminated sign, at 22 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Arthur Dreyfus, an illuminated sign, at 6-12 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Charles Baker, an unlettered lamp, at 10 City Hall Ave., Wd. 6.

E. Gately & Co., two illuminated signs, at 876 Washington St., Wd. 7.

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Frank Freitas, two barber poles, at 606 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

The International Phonograph Co., two signs, at 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

M. T. Doherty & Co., an illuminated sign, at 299 State St., Wd. 6.

Estate of C. Marliave, a transparent sign, at 33 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

John N. Landers, an electric sign, at 655 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Louis Bernstein, a sign, at 117 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Alexander Romm, a sign, at 105 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Merenda, a barber pole, at 333 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

A. L. Bennett, three arc lights, at 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Toland & McDonnell, an illuminated sign, at 260 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Myles McCabe, an unlettered lamp, at 182 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Charlie Sing, a wooden sign, at 720 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 17.

Moorehouse & Graham, an illuminated sign, at 304 Warren St., Wd. 21.

F. H. Steeves, an unlettered lamp, at 620 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Moses Scheinfeldt, an illuminated sign, at 940 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Nathan Barnett, a sign, at 35 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

F. E. Norris, an unlettered lamp, at 569 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. H. McGrath, an electric sign, at 2 Howard St., Wd. 6.

W. A. Clement, an unlettered lamp, at 11 Erie St., Wd. 20.

F. E. Norris, two druggist's mortars, 569 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John A. Costello, two transparencies, Tremont St. and Columbus Ave.

David Jacobs, sign, 31 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

T. Rosenbaum & Co., electric sign, 6 Milk St., Wd. 6.

The same, electric sign, 42 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Stamler & Chertok, sign, 45 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Josephine Weisse, for self and as executrix, for compensation for damage to estate and property at 136-138 Sterling St., corner of Cabot St. by flooding with water from a defective water pipe.

Joseph Leahy, for a hearing on his claim for personal injuries by reason of a defect in a bridge on Huntington Ave.

Guelda L. Whiting, for compensation for personal injuries received from alleged defect at the corner of Boylston and Washington Sts. on Aug. 10, 1904.

Journal Newspaper Co., to be paid for damages caused by overflow of surface water.

Joseph A. Callahan, for compensation on account of being kicked by a horse belonging to the Fire Department.

Barnett Wishnow, for compensation for damage to property on account of an alleged defective sewer cover in Westville St., Dorchester.

Mabelle M. Spalding, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boylston St.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, etc., viz.:-

District Assembly No. 30, Knights of Labor, on the evening of Oct. 17.

Dr. George W. Galvin, on the evening of Aug. 26.

Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, on the evening of Sept. 1.

Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, on the evening of Oct. 11.

Friends of Armenia, on the evening of Oct. 9.

Women's Christian Temperance Union, on the afternoon and evening of Oct. 20.

Socialist Party, on Oct. 30, from 1 to 6 P.M.

George H. Graves, on the evening of Oct. 8.

Electric Wires.

Board of Police, for leave to locate posts for signal boxes—one in Eliot Sq., Wd. 19, and one in Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to attach its wires to eleven poles of The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. on Summer St. extension, between D and B Sts., Wd. 13.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:-

For leave to erect twelve poles on Meridian St., between Maverick St. and Central Sq., Wd. 2.

For leave to relocate one pole on School St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect four poles on Marcella St., between Washington and Richie Sts., Wd. 22.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For an extension of time to Oct. 15, in which to erect poles on Brooks St., Wd. 25.

For leave to attach wires to trees, viz.:- One at 555 East Seventh St., and one at corner of K and E. Seventh Sts., Wd. 15.

For leave to remove one pole opposite No. 1237 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

For leave to erect five poles in Hamilton St., near Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect six poles on Milton

Ave., near Edson St., and two poles on Edson St., near Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on L St., Wd. 14.

For leave to erect and to remove three poles on Norfolk St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect poles on Vermont and Corey Sts., Wd. 23.

Frederick W. Mansfield, et als., for the removal of a pole on Brooks St., corner Bennington St., East Boston.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

C. R. Adams, Admr., for the trimming of trees in front of estates 4-12 Sumner St., Wd. 20.

Board of Health.

Mrs. Ida M. Rose, for leave to maintain a lying-in hospital at 62 Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

Building Dept.

Patrick H. Graham, for leave to build a wooden building on 12 Ewer St., Wd. 15.

Police (Ald.).

Thomas Flynn, to be paid for the loss of chickens killed by dogs.

Licenses.

George W. Magee, Manager, for a permit for Cora Quinten and Zena Keife, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, for the week beginning August 23.

Historical Art Co., for leave to exhibit oil painting "Battle of Gettysburg" at 160 Tremont St., for the term ending Sept. 1, 1904.

George L. Layman, two petitions for licenses for merry-go-round and swings, viz.: At vacant lot corner D and First Sts., for two weeks beginning Aug. 15, 1904; and at vacant lot on Lawrence St., rear of Market St., for two weeks beginning Aug. 29, 1904.

L. Tushinsky, three petitions, viz.:

For license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St., for one week beginning August 13.

For license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at the same place, for two weeks beginning August 20.

For license for dancing and wedding entertainments at Casino Pl., for the period ending Sept. 13.

J. R. Benn, for a license for dancing entertainments at Casino Hall, 830 Tremont St., for three weeks beginning August 27, 1904.

Rich, Harris & Frohman, for a permit for John Pullman et als., under 15 years of age, to appear at the Park Theatre for three weeks beginning Sept. 5, 1904.

Samuel Sidman, for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, for three weeks beginning August 22, 1904.

Joseph H. Mealey, for leave to exhibit wax figures and pictures at 122 Court St., for two weeks beginning Aug. 10, 1904.

J. R. Benn, for a license for musical and dancing entertainments in hall, 830 Tremont St., for one month from Sept. 12, 1904.

Irving P. Dodge, for a license for museum of anatomy at 108 Court St. for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Cottage Social Club, for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing, and whist entertainments at Cottage Club Social Hall, 23 Whittier St., for season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Petitions for licenses for amusements for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, viz.:

Harry N. Farren, Manager, at the Gaiety, Washington St., corner Motte St.

W. B. Thomas, at Symphony Chambers Hall, 244-248 Huntington Ave.

Louis Tushinsky, at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St.

J. M. E. Morrill, at Central Club Hall, 158 Centre St., Dorchester.

James W. Brodbine, at Brodbine Hall, 309-311 Albany St.

Isaac B. Rich, at the Hollis St. Theatre. Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris, at the Park Theatre.

Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris, at the Colonial Theatre.

Boston Young Men's Christian Union, at The Union Hall, 48 Boylston St.

Joseph Rudnick, at Commonwealth Hall, 52 Meridian St.

W. F. Warren, Warren Hall, 337 Washington St., Brighton.

Boston Turn Verein, at Boston Turn Verein Hall, 29 Middlesex St.

Division 2, A. O. H., at Hibernian Hall, 125 Havre St.

Charles B. Woolley, at Putnam Hall, 1165 Tremont St.

Wells Memorial Institute, at Wells Memorial Halls, 987 Washington St.

M. M. Cunniff, at Dartmouth Hall, 126 Dartmouth St.

John J. Teevens, at Clan-Na-Gael Hall, corner D and Silver Sts.

Estate of John H. Sullivan, at Lyceum Hall, corner Sumner St. and Maverick Sq.

Frank L. Curtis, superintendent, at Abbot'sford Hall, City Sq.

Dorchester Lodge No. 158, I. O. O. F., at Odd Fellows' Hall, 41 River St., Dorchester.

John L. Kelly, at Jeffries Point Hall, Maverick St.

David Strachan, at Temple Hall, 521 Cambridge St., Roxbury.

Jeremiah J. DeLaney, at Red Men's Halls, 514 Tremont St.

Jeremiah J. DeLaney, at halls in Deacon Building, 1651 Washington St.

E. R. Buffinton, at 67 Warren St., Roxbury.

Public Improvements.

George A. Fuller Co., for leave to erect guy posts on Washington, Boylston and Essex Sts., Harrison Ave. and Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

T. Stewart, Son & Co., for leave to erect guy posts on Bremen St., Wd. 2.

Thomas A. Elston & Co., for leave to erect guy posts at 2 Ferdinand St., 115 Berkeley St., 50 and 24 Chandler St., 4-10 Chandler St. and 11 Appleton St., Wd. 10.

F. J. Parker, for leave to lay a 1¼ in. pipe under and across sidewalk at 2397 Washington St., Wd. 21.

St. Patrick's T. A. & L. Society, for the closing of certain streets for a parade on October 8.

H. S. Angus & Son, for leave to move a wooden building from 101 Westville St. to 87 Toplift St., Wd. 20.

Hersey Mfg. Co., for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across Dresser St., at their works on said street, Wd. 13.

Lillian T. Snow, for leave to construct an area in sidewalk on s. e. side of Cummington St. near Blandford St., Wd. 11.

A. J. Kent, for leave to lay a 1¼ in. iron pipe under and across sidewalk at 749 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

N. E. Mutual Life Ins. Co., for leave to place patent sidewalk covers over present areas in sidewalk at 130 Congress St., Wd. 7.

Mary J. Kenney, for leave to construct coal hole opening in sidewalk at 1125 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

Ellen Melendy, 325 Maverick St., Wd. 2. Geo. E. Cabot et als., trustees, 66 State St., Wd. 6.

David J. Keefe, 117 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Honora McGrath et als., Frederick St., Wd. 15.

John Varnerin & Sons, 297 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16.

Hugh Duffy, 313-315 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16.

Carrie J. Bowen, 83 Burrell St., Wd. 17.

A. J. Tower Co., Simmons St., Wd. 18.

Herman White, 343 Heath St., Wd. 19.

John F. Kinney, 174-176 Ward St., Wd. 19.

Wm. Donaldson, 21-29 McLellan St., Wd. 20.

W. H. Crosby, 46-50 Norton St., Wd. 20.
Margaret & Rose McLaughlin, 349 Centre St., Wd. 22.
Wm. H. Viehhaeuser, 98 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22.
J. W. O'Brien, 340 Centre St. and 6 Wyman St., Wd. 22.
Clifford Devens, 1007 South St., Wd. 23.
John F. Kinney, 32-34 Cedar St., Wd. 24.
John Murphy, 32-34 Chlckatawbut St., Wd. 24.
James J. Gearin, 19-23 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.
John McDonald, 210-212 No. Beacon St., Wd. 25.
Miles Simpson, 98 Calumet St., Wd. 19.
James McLucas, 35 Langdon St., Wd. 17.
A. C. Chisholm, 540-542 Warren St., Wd. 21.
Elizabeth M. Best, 79-81 Burrell St., Wd. 17.
John Varnerin & Sons, 14-14½ Adams St., Wd. 17.
Jefferson Investment Asscn., 1488-1490 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS.

Notices were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of the following hearings:

On petition of Tudor Company for license to rebuild a portion of its wharf in Charles River in Charlestown.

On petition of Metropolitan Steamship Company for license to build wall and pile structure, and to dredge in South Dock of Union Wharf.

On petition of Cambridge Bridge Commission, for approval of plans for building Brookline Street Bridge over Charles River.

On petition of Boston & Maine Railroad Company, for approval of plan for rebuilding the old Boston & Lowell Freight Bridge over Charles River.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICES FROM RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commission of its approval of the 234th, 235th, 236th and 237th locations granted to the West End Street Railway Co.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commission of hearing, Aug. 29, on modifications or changes of stairways, etc., at State St. station, on Atlantic Ave., of the Boston Elevated Railway Co.

Severally placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATIONS.

Communications were received from the West End Street Railway Co. accepting its 234th, 235th, 236th and 237th location, and agreeing to comply with the conditions contained therein.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer, after having duly approved of the same, submitted the following constables' bonds for the approval of the Board, viz:

Jacob Barber, James Fraser, James E. Powers.

Approved by the Board.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for projections—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, September 26, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:

Ellen T. Lynch, 2 bay windows, 379 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

Augustus P. Loring, Trustee, 2 bay windows, 140-4 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Willoughby H. Stuart, Jr., permanent awning, 139-45 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

STORAGE OF OIL—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, October 3, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz:—

Dowling & Maguire, 745 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Joseph Kennedy, Starr Lane, Jamaica Plain.

The Reed-Underhill Co., 222-4 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on State Aid, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of September.

Report accepted; order passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on the petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co., severally recommended August 1st, for leave to erect poles on various streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to Edison Electric Illuminating Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Forest Hills St., Wd. 22, at Washington St., No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x14in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, July 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to Edison Electric Illuminating Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Williams St., at Washington St., Wd. 23, No. of poles 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x14in.; width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, July 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to Edison Electric Illuminating Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Columbus Ave., Wd. 22, bet. Washington St. and Weld Ave., No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x14in.; width of sidewalk, 13ft.; date of plan, July 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions

specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That permission be granted to Edison Electric Illuminating Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:

Eutaw St., Wd. 1, between Marion and Brooks Sts.; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed, 40 ft. by 14 in.; width of sidewalk, 9 ft.; date of plan, July 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Reports on petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Company, severally referred July 11, for leave to remove poles recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to remove one pole on Robert St., between South and South Walter Sts.; said pole being shown by black dot on plan made by F. H. Clarke, dated July 9, 1904, and filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for removing said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to Edison Electric Illuminating Company to remove 2 poles on Centre St., between Willow and Church Sts., near Beech St.; 1 pole on Centre St., between Willow and Church Sts., near Willow St.; and 6 poles on Centre St., between Spring and Elgin Sts.; said poles being shown by black dots on plan made by F. H. Clarke, dated July 9, 1904, and filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets. Permission is also granted to said company to remove 2 poles on South St., between Centre and Guernsey Sts., and one pole on South St., between Congreve and Fletcher Sts., as shown by black dots on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for removing said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(3) Reported, on petition of Edison Ill. Co. (referred June 27), recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to remove from South St., Wd. 23, between Guernsey St. and Bradford Terrace, two poles shown by black dots on a plan made by F. H. Clarke, dated June 27, 1904, and filed in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for removing said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

(4) Report (in part) on petition of Board of Police (recommitted July 11), for leave to erect posts—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered: That permission be granted to the Board of Police for the City of Boston to place and maintain posts for police boxes at points designated by black squares on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by John Weigel and dated June 27, 1904; said posts to be located as follows:—

One on Linden Park St., opposite Cabot St., Wd. 18.

One on Boylston Ave., near Green St., Wd. 22.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said posts on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said posts to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on petition of New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect poles on Vermont and Corey Sts., Wd. 23—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Sept. 26, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

POLLING BOOTHS IN STREETS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That permission be granted to the Board of Election Commissioners to place in the streets of the City such polling booths as may be necessary for use at the coming State and City primaries and elections, and at such special elections as may be held during the coming year, such booths to be so placed as to incommode the public as little as possible, and to be removed immediately after the City election or such special elections.

Passed.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS, ETC.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the following-named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas or coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of Chapter Five of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz.:—

Streets and names of supposed owners or agents.

1 Hale St., Wd. 8, A. M. Pendleton, agent.

8 Hale St., Wd. 8, Harry McKisson, owner.

29 Hale St., Wd. 8, M. Myers, owner.

10 Kneeland St. (near), Wd. 7, Hill heirs, owners.

16 Oxford St., Wd. 7, Geo. C. Appleton, agent.

566 Columbus Ave., Wd. 12, Margaret L. White, owner.

272a Shawmut Ave., Wd. 9, Chapin & Tucker, agents.

38 East Canton St., Wd. 9, James Lee, owner.

733 Tremont St., Wd. 12, J. Wheelock Springs, agent.

12 Rutland Sq., Wd. 12, I. N. Learned, agent.

363 Northampton St., Wd. 12, Mary J. Cherry, owner.

27 Hereford St., Wd. 11, B. B. Crowninshield, owner.

Passed.

ENFORCEMENT OF EIGHT-HOUR
LAW.

Chairman DOYLE presented the petition of the Structural Building Trades Council that the eight-hour law be enforced in the City of Boston.

In connection with the petition Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments of the City of Boston to enforce the provisions of Chap. 344, of the Acts of 1899, relating to the hours of work of laborers employed by or on behalf of any City or Town in this Commonwealth.

Passed. Sent down.

LAYING OUT OF BRANCH AVENUE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction of Branch Ave., Wd. 20, as a public way.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along No. 167 Centre St., Wd. 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim the tree now standing in front of estate No. 86 Harold St., Wd. 21, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to cause the removal of the trees now standing in the gutter on Norfolk St., at the Municipal Building now being constructed.

The expense attending the same to be charged to the Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree at the corner of Washington and West Concord Sts.; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed two trees in Wallace Ct., Wd. 5; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have removed a tree in front of estate numbered 16 Revere St., Jamaica Plain; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have trimmed a tree in front of estate numbered 931 South St., Wd. 23; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred August 1st) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

A. Berry & Co., electric sign, 148 Lenox St., Wd. 18.

A. Berry & Co., sign, 150 Lenox St., Wd. 18.

Charles E. Cotting, and Francis C. Welch, Trustees, to construct the basement of the proposed building bounded by Washington and Essex Sts., Harrison Ave. and Hayward Pl., below grade 12. Frederick Edwards, sign, 610 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

Frank Bertino, to barber poles at 79 Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Pasqual Cataldo, watch sign, at 230 North St., Wd. 6.

Marshall & De Vito, three signs, at 47 Court St., Wd. 6.

Same, brass sign, at 47 Court St. Wd. 6.

Sam Laura, a barber pole at 1272 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Vito Carfagno, sign, at 512 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

I. Heller, a sign, at 94 Green St., Wd. 22.

Robert J. Noonan, two barber poles, at 29 Henley St., Wd. 5.

Abraham Hochman, a watch sign, at 88 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Sol Aronson, two unlettered lamps, at 670 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Same, five unlettered lamps at 2-10 Beach St., Wd. 7.

Con Keefe, an unlettered lamp, at 779 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Same, an unlettered lamp, at 8 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

Peter Caristi, an unlettered lamp at 1067 Washington St., Wd. 9.

A. Caristi, an unlettered lamp, at 265 Dover St., Wd. 9.

Wm. F. O'Hearn & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 130 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

Mattapan Pharmacy, Thos. F. Fallon, Presdt., a sign, at 1643 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

James H. Doyle, political transparency, 1873 Washington St., Wd. 12.

James H. Doyle, political transparency, 63 West Concord St., Wd. 12.

Dr. Barnett Bruce, illuminated sign, 1133 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

John J. Flaherty, political transparency, 6 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

F. E. Norris, two druggist's mortars, 569 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John A. Costello, two transparencies, junction of Tremont St. and Columbus Ave.

Nathan Barnett, sign, 35 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

F. E. Norris, unlettered lamp, 569 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank Freitas, 2 barber poles, 606 Saratoga St., Wd. 1.

E. E. Morse, illuminated sign, 10 Lincoln St., Wd. 7.

Mass. Horticultural Society, 4 plain light globes in front of building, Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

William F. McClellan, campaign transparency, 262 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Charlie Sing, a wooden sign, at 720 Shawmut Ave., Wd. 17.

Moses Scheinfeldt, illuminated sign, at 940 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Roger Crouse, sign, at 8 Havre St., Wd. 2.

F. H. G. Whitehouse, sign, 89 Court St., Wd. 6.

H. N. Lockwood, wooden sign, at 9 Bromfield St.

Dr. N. N. Levins, two small drum signs, 117 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Charles Baker, an unlettered lamp, 10 City Hall Ave., Wd. 6.

The International Phonograph Co., two signs, at 12 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Louis Bernstein, a sign, 117 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Alexander Romm, sign, 105 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Joseph Merenda, a barber pole, 333 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Louis Heiman, a sign, at 60 Salem St., Wd. 6.

R. P. Janette, Res. Mgr., two unlettered lights in front of Globe Theatre, 688 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. A. Clement, an unlettered lamp, at 11 Erie St., Wd. 20.

F. H. Steeves, an unlettered lamp at 629 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Myles McCabe, an unlettered lamp, at 182 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

A. L. Bennett, three arc lights, at 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred August 8) for leave to project signs, etc., etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:—

Isadore Cline, sign, at 1158 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Murphy & Moynihan, a sign, at 22 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Naigles Bros., two signs, at 15 Bowdoin Sq., Wd. 8.

Charles L. Barbera, two barber poles and two signs, at 33 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Achille Strollo, four barber poles, at 163 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Samuel Schiller, a sign, at 291 D St., Wd. 13.

Louis Smith, two barber poles, at 28 Myrtle St., Wd. 11.

E. Littlefield, an illuminated sign, at 7 Green St., Wd. 8.

Thomas R. Sullivan, an illuminated sign, at 24 Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Thomas R. Sullivan, an illuminated sign, at 7 Winthrop St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz:—

George H. Graves, evening of October 8, Socialist Party, October 30, from 1 to 6 P.M.

Women's Christian Temperance Union, October 20, afternoon and evening.

Friends of Armenia, Sunday evening, October 9.

Ladies' Auxiliary, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, evening of October 11.

Cigar Makers' Union No. 97, Thursday evening, September 1.

Dr. Geo. W. Galvin, Friday evening, August 26.

District Assembly No. 30, Knights of Labor, October 17, evening.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following, viz:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 70 newsboys, 12 boot-blacks and 3 vendors.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various theatres—recommending that permits be granted, viz:—

Rich, Harris & Frohman, for John Pullman, et als., at Park Theatre for three weeks, beginning Sept. 5, 1904.

George W. Magee, Mgr., for Cora Quin-

ten and Lena Keife, Grand Opera House, for the week beginning Aug. 29.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for amusement licenses—that licenses be granted, viz:—

Division 2, A. O. H., for license for entertainments, etc., at Hibernian Hall, 25 Havre St., E. Boston, for season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Joseph H. Mealey, to exhibit wax figures and pictures at 122 Court St., for two weeks beginning Aug. 10, 1904.

L. Tushinsky, for license for entertainments at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St., for one week beginning Aug. 13, 1904.

The same, for license for entertainments at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St., for two weeks beginning Aug. 20, 1904.

The same, for license for entertainments at Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St., for period ending Sept. 13.

J. R. Benn., for license for dancing entertainments at Casino Hall, 330 Tremont St., for three weeks, beginning Aug. 17, 1904.

Samuel Sidman, license for entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for three weeks beginning Aug. 22.

Historical Art Co., to exhibit oil painting "Battle of Gettysburg" at 160 Tremont St., for the term ending Sept. 1, 1904.

George L. Layman, for licenses for merry-go-round and swings on vacant lot on Lawrence St., rear of Market St., Wd. 25, for two weeks, beginning Aug. 29, 1904.

The same, for license for merry-go-round and swings at vacant lot, corner D and First Sts., for two weeks, beginning Aug. 15, 1904.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR POLE RELOCATION.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the time allowed the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. in which to relocate poles on certain streets in Charlestown, under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, Dec. 7, 1903, be and the same is hereby extended to Dec. 31, 1904.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I hope that order will not pass this afternoon. That matter has been before this Board for a year or more, and there have been protests sent in here against it time after time from the Charlestown district. Our Charlestown Improvement Association came here in a body, visited His Honor the Mayor, and asked that the matter should not go through. I myself have visited the representative of the Edison Electric Light and Illuminating Company. In the first place, they have no right in Charlestown and cannot get the privileges they desire; so they make the request through the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company. That Company comes into this Board of Aldermen and asks the Board to grant them the privilege, which they are going to extend to the Edison Electric Light and Illuminating Company. I trust that the gentlemen in this Board will consider this matter carefully and will feel that, even as a matter of courtesy and courtesy alone, it should be allowed to wait until the difficulty can be straightened out. I think it is wrong to come in here with this matter and try to push it through the way they are trying to do it. They told me today that they had the votes to pass it. Perhaps they have; but I think the place for it is in the hands of the Committee on Electric Wires, and I trust that the Chair will so refer it.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, this order which has been introduced simply asks for an extension of time in which to relocate certain poles in Charlestown. As I under-

stand it—although I cannot find the particular place in the report of the Wire Commissioner at this time, it having just been handed to me—it is the intention of this Company, which would have been carried into effect last year if it were possible for the Company to do it under the law to place all its wires in the Charlestown District underground. I believe it is the intention of the Company, or it is so declared in the report of the Commissioner, to do this at the earliest possible moment. I agree with Ald Quigley that there are certain conditions surrounding the business of the Edison Electric Light and Illuminating Company that are very distasteful to the members of the City Government, but I don't believe the proper way to right those conditions—or wrongs, if they may be called wrongs, as I think they may be truthfully—is by interfering with the business of the Company. If it is the intention of the Company to place the wires underground, I think it is only fair and proper that the extension should be granted, and I hope the order will be passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I have only one word more to say. There is not a citizen of the Charlestown District or a citizen of the City of Boston, to my way of thinking, who is interested in the passage of this order, outside of the stockholders. It is not going to benefit the City of Boston in any way, shape or manner. It is for the purpose of carrying power into the city of Somerville, and for that purpose alone, that some of these large poles, some of them almost of the size of the California trees, are to be used. If they had done what I asked them to do in the first place, there would probably not be this objection now. If they had used poles of the Providence pattern, probably there would not now be so much objection on the part of the Citizens' Association. But when they saw the size of the poles over there, larger around than any others in the City of Boston—and Main St. at the best is not a wide street—and when the elevated road is also going up the street that these poles are to go in, they came to the conclusion that we might as well give up the entire street to public service corporations. I wish to say to the gentlemen here present that the report of the Committee on Electric Wires was against the granting of this privilege, and I believe a majority of that Committee are today against granting it. If this Board of Aldermen sees fit to override the wishes of a constituency as large as mine, it can do so, but some of the members will answer to my constituency when they know how the votes are cast here.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I do not desire to vote against the interests of any citizen of Charlestown. As I understand this order, it is one that had already been granted last year, when it had the vote of the gentleman from Charlestown. This is only a proposed extension of time—something that, as I understand will do nobody any harm and may do somebody a lot of good. I may have been misinformed in regard to the gentleman from Charlestown voting for this particular order, but I understand that he did so last year.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will state for the information of the gentleman that I never voted for the order and was opposed to it from the start. I was informed as to what the order really meant and I went to the representative of the Edison Electric Light and Illuminating Company, and objected to him. When the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Ald. Curley) states that there was no objection to it, I must say that the gentleman is mistaken; and when he states that the Commissioner of Wires has said that he was willing that the wires should be put underground, I will simply say that the Commissioner said they could not be put underground until

next year, for he had taken up the territory that was to be used, or could be used within this year, and if the wires went underground, it would have to be done next year. Along certain streets they have the same kind of poles that supply East Boston—the same Company supplies East Boston—and if they are going to use the principal streets of Charlestown to supply other sections with power, all right, gentlemen, give them the right to go ahead and do it. I think it is very unfair, however.

The order was declared passed. Ald. Quigley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was rejected, yeas 6, nays 7:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—6.

Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Slattery, Whelton—7.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote just passed by this Board, and if reconsideration is had, I will move reference to the Committee on Public Improvements. There are certain phases of this question of which I would like a more intelligent understanding. I voted against the order because the representative from Charlestown opposed it. I do not want to be placed in the position of antagonizing Charlestown's interests, and if some arrangement can be made between the Alderman from Charlestown, the Charlestown Improvement Association and the Edison Company, I would like to see it brought about. I think the best thing to do is to reconsider the vote and have it go to the Committee on Electric Wires for consideration.

Reconsideration was carried, and the order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I don't want to object too strenuously, but I think the proper place for that is before the Committee on Electric Wires, and I trust that the matter will be so referred.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair has already made a reference to the Committee on Public Improvements, on the motion of the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Whelton).

RECESS.

The Board voted at 5:10 P.M., on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber, and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:48 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on order (referred today) that the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company be given an extension of time to erect poles in certain streets—that the order ought to pass.

(Ald. Quigley dissents.)

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I wish to have the Chair rule whether this matter comes before the Board of Aldermen properly, the time having expired. The 90 days having expired, the matter is dead and cannot be resurrected in its present form, I believe. I wish, therefore, the Chair would rule whether the matter is properly before this Board or not.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state to the Alderman from Charlestown that he does not care to decide that point of order until later in the session. Not having the original order before him at the present time, he cannot say that the 90-day clause was attached to the original order.

Later in the session Ald. Curley said:—

Mr. Chairman, as there seems to be considerable doubt as to the ruling that should be given on this question, I would move that the entire matter be assigned for one week, pending the solution of the doubt by the Corporation Counsel. Before the vote is taken on that, however, I believe it is only fair to those men who voted in favor of this proposition that their position should be made clear. If this order had passed at this adjourned meeting of the Board, it was my intention to move an amendment, that the Providence style of poles be used, as the principal objection on the part of the gentleman from Charlestown was not to the location of the poles but to the size of the poles, the gentleman himself having no serious objections to offer in 1903, when this same order passed unanimously in this Board, on Dec. 7. In view of the fact that the principal objection was to the style of pole to be used, it was my intention to offer an order that the Providence style of pole be used. However, as there seems to be some doubt of the legality of the passage of the order, I most respectfully ask that the matter be assigned for one week, pending the decision by the Corporation Counsel.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman says that I took no notice of the matter last year. There were various reasons why any number of people who live in Charlestown and were affected by the erection of these poles should not take notice of it last year. The same law did not prevail last year that prevails this year, and the same kind of notice was not given out as is given out this year. The Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires will testify to that fact—that even he, as well as other members of the Committee did not know what kind of poles were going up nor the size of the poles. We were not acquainted with the fact in connection with the matter until the poles went up, and they were such a hideous sight that the people of Charlestown rebelled and came over to the Mayor in a body, calling his attention to the fact. Various members of the Committee on Electric Wires went over there and can testify to the size of the poles and the way they interfere with public traffic there. It seems to me that the public highways should not be used for public service corporations alone, that the individual should have some rights that should not be taken away by public-service corporations altogether. While on my feet, I would like also to have this order, which I think is drawn in proper shape, acted upon. It asks the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the point of order raised by me. If Ald. Curley will allow me to submit this—and it does not interfere with him in any way—I will present it.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that he cannot accept that, because the Corporation Counsel does not decide points of order in the Board of Aldermen. He might decide their legality afterwards. The Chair does not feel competent to decide the point of order until he sees a copy of the original order, which he does not have in his possession at the present time. If the decision of the Chair does not then meet with the approval of the gentleman from Charlestown, he will have plenty of time to present his order. The question comes on the motion made by Ald. Curley to assign the matter for one week.

The report and order were assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like now to offer this order.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say—

Ald. QUIGLEY—If the Chair does not see fit to accept the order, he can return it. I won't find any fault.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the order has no reference to the particular case we have just acted upon,

and, in consequence thereof, there is no reason why it should not be presented to the Board and passed this afternoon, if the Board sees fit to pass it.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to give his opinion as to whether it is competent for the Board of Aldermen to pass an order granting an extension of time to a gas and electric light company for the erection of its poles, the original grant having already expired.

The order was passed.

(2) Report on communication from Registrar of Deeds (referred Aug. 1) giving list of employees in his office and their salaries—that the same be placed on file.

Accepted.

(3) Report on petition of Mass. Automobile Club (referred today) for a license to store and keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 761 Boylston St., Wd. 11, that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits as hereinafter mentioned, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz:

F. J. Parker, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe with a screw cover attached under and across sidewalk in front of estate 2397 Washington St., Wd. 21.

T. Stewart, Son & Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached as follows:

One on Bremen St., north side, 100 ft. east of Prescott St.; 1 on Bremen St., north side, 100 ft. west of Prescott st., for use during the erection of bridge abatements.

Thomas A. Elston & Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached as follows:

One at or near No. 2 Ferdinand St., Wd. 10; 1 at or near 115 Berkeley St., 1 at or near 50 Chandler St., 1 at or near 24 Chandler St., 1 between 4 and 10 Chandler St., 1 at or near 11 Appleton St., 1 at or near 11 Appleton St., for use during the demolition of walls.

A. J. Kent, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe with a screw cover attached under and across the sidewalk in front of estate No. 749 Dudley St., Wd. 16.

Mary H. Kenney, to construct, maintain and use an 18-inch coal hole opening with an iron cover under the sidewalk in front of estate 1125 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

N. E. Mutual Life Insurance Co., to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk cover over the present area on the sidewalk in front of estate 130 Congress St., Wd. 7.

George A. Fuller Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with ropes attached, as follows:

Two in Washington St., between Chickering Pl. and Boylston St.; 1 in Boylston St., near Washington St.; 3 in Essex St., between Washington and Chauncy Sts.; 2 in Hayward Pl., for use during the erection of the Henry Siegel building, Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(5) Report on petition of H. S. Angus & Son (referred today), for leave to move wooden building—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to H. S. Angus & Son to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 ft. in length, by 20 ft. in width, by 30 ft. in height, from No. 101 Westville St., through sail street across Geneva Ave. and along Topliff St. to No. 87 Topliff St., Wd. 20, on the terms

and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

(6) Report on petition of St. Patrick T. A. & L. Society (referred today), for the closing of certain streets for a parade—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, that the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, during the hours named on Saturday, Oct. 8, 1904, for the formation and parade of St. Patrick's T. A. & L. Society viz.:

Between 3 and 5 o'clock P. M.

Mt. Pleasant Ave. and Forest St., Dudley St., Hampden St., Harrison Ave., Northampton St., Union Park, Washington St., Massachusetts Ave., Tremont St., Ruggles St., Columbus Ave., Station St., Parker St., St. Alphonsus St., Columbus Ave., Roxbury St., Dudley St., Warren St., Moreland St., Dennis St. to Dudley St. to Vine St. Church, where the parade will be dismissed.

The City Messenger, under the direction of the Board of Police, is hereby authorized to rope off said streets at the necessary points; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Dept.

Reports accepted; orders passed.

(7) Reports (on petitions referred today), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, the owner to furnish material, in front of the following estates, viz.:

Wm. H. Vleghauser, 98 Paul Gore St., Wd. 22; brick.

John McDonald, 210-212 No. Beacon St., Wd. 25; gravel.

Jefferson Investment Assn., 1488-90 Dorchester Ave., and 2 Lincoln St., Wd. 24; brick.

J. W. O'Brien, 340 Centre St. and 6 Wyman St., Wd. 22; brick.

John F. Kinney, 32-34 Cedar St., Wd. 24; brick.

John Murphy, 32-34 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24; gravel.

Margaret and Rose McLaughlin, 349 Centre St., Wd. 22; brick.

A. C. Chisholm, 540-542 Warren St., Wd. 21; brick.

Miles Simpson, 98 Calumet St., Wd. 19; brick.

John F. Kinney, 174-176 Ward St., Wd. 19; brick.

Herman White, 343 Heath St., Wd. 19; brick.

A. J. Tower Co., Simmons St., Wd. 18; brick.

Elizabeth M. Best, 79-81 Burrell St. Wd. 17; brick.

James McLucas, 35 Langdon St., Wd. 17; brick.

Carrie J. Bowen, 83 Burrell St., Wd. 17; brick.

Hugh Duffy, 313-315 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16; brick.

Honora McGrath, et als., on Frederick St., Wd. 15; brick.

Ellen Melendy, 325 Maverick St., Wd. 2; brick.

John Varnerin & Sons, 297 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 16; artificial stone.

James J. Gearin, 19-23 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24; artificial stone.

David J. Keefe, 117 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10; artificial stone.

William Donaldson, 21-25-29 McLellan St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

W. H. Crosby, 46-50 Norton St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

George E. Cabot, et als., Trustees, 66 State St., Wd. 6; artificial stone.

John Varnerin & Sons, 14-14½ Adams St., Wd. 17; artificial stone.

Clifford Devens, 1007 South St. Wd. 23; artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(8) Reports (on petitions referred Aug. 1), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 5 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

J. Goldman, 333 Maverick St., Wd. 2; brick.

Phila Whitaker, 20 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24, gravel.

Phebe T. and Lucretia T. Chamberlain, 14 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24; gravel.

Peter Kelly, 37-41 Calumet St., Wd. 19; brick.

First German Baptist Church of Boston, 436-438 Centre St., Wd. 22; brick.

George W. Richardson, 12 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24; gravel.

Bridget McGrath, 12 Hurlbert St., Wd. 21; gravel.

K. Wellensty, 25-27 Bower St., and 68 Sherman St., Wd. 21; brick.

Leonardo Gaetani, 23 East St., Wd. 20; brick.

Winthrop B. Robinson, 107 Rosseter St., Wd. 20; gravel.

Mrs. C. J. Bowen, 88 Burrell St., Wd. 17; brick.

Florence M. M. Shields, 755 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16; gravel.

Patrick Tivnan, 5 Washburn St., Wd. 16; brick.

Wm. A. Whittemore, 53-57-61 Hancock St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Julia E. Dinand, 59-61 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

W. H. Crosby, 133-143 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Thomas H. Hanlon, 1721 Dorchester Ave. and 2 Mather St., Wd. 24; artificial stone.

A. A. Chittenden, 51-53 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Joseph F. Loring, et als., 47, 49, 55, 75, 77 and 81 Bowdoin Ave., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

C. E. Rogers, 71 Harbor View St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Andrea Chiesa, 38-40 Cooper St. and 101 Endicott St., Wd. 6; artificial stone.

Proctor estate, 103-115 Providence St. and 324-334 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

J. Albert Walker, 68-70 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10; artificial stone.

Wm. H. Crosby, 137 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(9) Reports (on petitions severally referred Aug. 8), recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining; and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

James C. Devine, 301-305 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 17; brick.

Benj. S. Blanchard, 89 Burrell St., Wd. 17; brick.

D. A. MacAuley, 17-23 Harvard St., Wd. 20; artificial stone.

Livingston Cushing (petition referred June 27), Benedict St., rear Brown's Ct., Wd. 5; artificial stone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(10) Report on order (referred today), for laying out and construction of Branch Ave., Wd. 20—That the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed; sent down.

(11) Reports on orders for sidewalks (severally referred today),—that the orders ought to pass, viz.:

Order for sidewalk on West Third St., Wd. 13.

Order for sidewalk on Geneva Ave., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along 31, 33, 35 Shirley St., Wd. 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under provisions of Chap. 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along West Third St. between Numbers 186 and 194, Wd. 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, under the provisions of Chap. 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Geneva Ave., between Bowdoin and Westville Sts., Wd. 20; in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone. Under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CLOSING OF STREETS.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That permission be granted to C. O. Stone to rope off Green St., Charlestown, from Main to High Sts., for two days while engaged in removing steeple from church located in that neighborhood, said ropes to be removed after each day's work.

Passed.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair sidewalks on Washington St., corner Rockland St., Wd. 23, and from corner Cornell to Beech Sts., Wd. 23.

Passed.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested

to put in proper repair the sidewalk in front of church at corner of Centre and Mt. Vernon Sts., Wd. 23.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

REPAIR OF STREET.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have repaired the street at corner of Bellevue and Robin Sts., Wd. 23, and have the same put in safe condition for public travel.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RESCISSION OF ASSESSMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That so much of the orders of the Board of Aldermen, as levied assessments on account of sidewalk construction against the following-named estates and owners thereof, be and the same is hereby rescinded, being assessed in error:—

September 17, 1902, Millet and Parks Sts., Wd. 20—Heirs of Martha G. Carlton.....	\$122.50
September 17, 1902, Nos. 28-30 Rand St., Wd. 16—Mary Doherty.....	61.72
December 17, 1902, No. 216 Westville St.—Magdalena Bohndell.....	23.80
March 2, 1904, Gay Head St., at Centre St.—Julia A. Hayden.....	17.50
March 2, 1904, No. 3 Gay Head St., Wd. 22—Henry A. Strout.....	57.77

The following named estates are hereby assessed as follows:—

Millet St., corner 602 Park St., Wd. 20—Heirs of Martha G. Carlton.....	52.50
Nos. 28-30 Rand St., Wd. 16—Mary Doherty	41.37
No. 218 Westville St., Wd. 20—Magdalena Bohndell.....	23.80

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. SLATTERY moved general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail; lost.

Adjourned at 7:10 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to meet on Monday, Sept. 19, at 3 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Aldermen

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1904.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 1 o'clock P.M., Alderman BOWEN, the

senior member, presiding, and a quorum present.

Ten additional traverse jurors were drawn, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 514, Acts of 1894, for the Superior Criminal Court, to appear September 15, viz.:—

Michael A. Cummings, Wd. 24; John C. Kelly, Wd. 14; Thomas S. Barry, Wd. 18; James F. Wilson, Wd. 18; George E. Knapp, Wd. 8; P. O'Neill Larkin, Wd. 19; James Rooney, Wd. 12; Charles E. Lord, Wd. 17; Joseph J. Reardon, Wd. 2; Otto F. Schuele, Wd. 9.

Adjourned at 1.14.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Sept. 19, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Bromberg. The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last two meetings.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 19, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Matthew J. Hanley (96 Boylston Ave., Wd. 22), Harrison L. Soule (86 Pleasant St., Winthrop), and Augustus E. Wyman (17 Centre St., Winthrop), Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

A. L. McMullin, an illuminated sign, at 136 Hanover st., Wd. 6.

The Bell Tailoring Co., a sign, at 307 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Louis H. Epstein, a sign over Temple Pl., from building 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

William A. Alexander, an illuminated sign, at 121 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

W. A. Wilson, a campaign transparency, at 121 Clifton St., Wd. 16.

George A. McEvoy, M.D., an unlettered lamp, at 79 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Martin Kennedy, campaign transparency, 173 Washington St.

Murray & Conway, electric illuminated sign, 642-6 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James H. Doyle, campaign transparency, 830 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Claims.

John Gillen, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Magazine St.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Women's Christian Temperance Union, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the afternoon and evening of Nov. 5, instead of October 20, as heretofore granted; also for leave to decorate said hall.

Knights of Columbus, for the use of Faneuil Hall, Feb. 22, 1905, day and evening.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Timothy Smith, for the trimming or removal of two trees at 45 Elm Hill Ave., Wd. 21.

Board of Health.

Mary A. Malone, for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 668 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect six poles on Clarkson St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on South St., near Child St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect six poles on W. Seiden St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect six poles on South St., near Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:—

For leave to relocate one pole on Dorchester Ave., at Plymouth Div. of N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R.

For leave to erect one pole on Ashmont St., between Dorchester Ave. and Alban St., Wd. 24.

For leave to erect four poles on Alban St., bet. No. 46 on said street and Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Licenses.

J. W. Luce (for George Magee, manager), for a permit for May Fannie Abbott and William A. Sheedy, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week beginning Sept. 19, 1904.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905, viz.:—

Emma J. Crosby, at Wheelock Hall, 554 Columbia Road, Wd.

Pierce J. Grace, at Columbus Hall, 394 Washington St.

Boston Schwaben Verein, at Schwaben Verein Hall, cor. Heath and Schiller Sts.

Julius Yoffe, at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Bertha Sampson, at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Public Improvements.

Ralph B. Williams, for leave to construct an area at 244-246 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

J. W. Bishop Co., for leave to erect guy posts on Queensbury, Peterborough and Jersey Sts., Wd. 11.

Paul Barron Watson et al., trustees, for leave to construct an area at 9-11 Merchants Row, Wd. 6.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

Daniel Crowley, 30 Francis St., Wd. 19.

H. M. Rambach, 350-354 Norfolk Ave., cor. Capen St., Wd. 20.

Philip McMorrow, 1446-1448 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

James W. Boleman, 65 Munroe St., Wd. 21.

Brummett & Starrett, 63 Dix St., Wd. 24.

John S. Wallin, 25 Everett St., Wd. 25.

John W. Douse, 47 Dix St., Wd. 24.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOYLE called up, there being no objection, Nos. 1 and 2, unfinished business, viz.:—

Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, viz.:—

1. John H. Cavanaro, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

2. Carl F. Corey, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Baldwin. Whole number of votes cast 12, yes 12, and the several appointments were confirmed.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:—

Woman's Christian Temperance Union, afternoon and evening of November 5 (instead of Nov. 20 as heretofore granted) and for leave to decorate said hall.

Knights of Columbus, day and evening of Feb. 22, 1905.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions recommending that minors' licenses be granted to fifteen newsboys and one bootblack.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 12), for amusement licenses for

season ending August 1, 1905,—that licenses be granted, viz.:—

J. M. E. Morrill, Central Club Hall, 158 Centre St.

James B. Brodbine, Brodbine Halls, 309-11 Albany St.

Louis Tushinsky, Concord Hall, 75 W. Concord St.

Jeremiah J. De Laney, Deacon Building, 1651 Washington St.

The same, Redmen's Halls, 514 Tremont St.

E. R. Buffinton, 67 Warren St.
David Strachan, Temple Hall, 521 Cambridge St., Brighton.

John L. Kelly, Jeffries Point Hall, Maverick St., E. B.

Dorchester Lodge No. 158, I. O. O. F., Odd Fellows' Hall, 41 River St., Dor.

Frank L. Curtis, Supt., Abbottsford Hall, City Square, Charlestown.

Estate of John H. Sullivan, Lyceum Hall, E. Boston.

Wells Memorial Institute, Wells Memorial Halls, 987 Washington St.

John J. Teevens, Clan-na-Gael Hall, corner D and Silver Sts.

M. M. Cunniff, Dartmouth Hall, 126 Dartmouth St.

Charles B. Woolley, Putnam Hall, 1165 Tremont St.

Boston Turnverein, Boston Turnverein Hall, 29 Middlesex St.

W. F. Warren, Warren Hall, 337 Washington St., Brighton.

Joseph Rudnick, Commonwealth Hall, 52 Meridian St.

Boston Y. M. C. U., the Union Hall, 48 Boylston St.

Cottage Social Club, Cottage Social Hall, 23 Whittier St.

W. B. Thomas, Symphony Chambers Hall, 244-8 Huntington Ave.

Reports severally accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred July 11) for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905—that licenses be granted, viz.:—

Alfred Higgins, Tr., Knights of Honor Hall, 739 Washington St.

Charles F. VonEuw, Conant's Hall, 20 Conant St.

Mutual Investment Club, 31-33 Central Square.

Clarence Cobb, Hollis Hall, 789 Washington St.

Fred T. Bridge, Highland Hall, 203 Warren St., Roxbury.

The same, Jubilee Hall, 646 Warren St., Roxbury.

John Booth, Booth Hall, Bennington St.

Adam Warnock, Legion of Honor Hall, 200 Huntington Ave.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred August 1), for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905—that licenses be granted, viz:

Horn & Jackson, Knights of Honor Hall, 4255 Washington St., Roslindale.

Louis A. Ginsberg, Webster Hall, E. B.

W. B. Hayford, Bethesda Hall, Broadway and F St.

Henry A. Allbright, Winthrop Hall, 570 Columbia Road.

M. Roughan, Roughan Hall, City Square, Charlestown.

Houghton & Dutton, Monument Hall, Hancock Square.

Kossuth Hall Association, Kossuth Hall, 1095 Tremont St.

Mass. Charitable Mechanics Association, Mechanics Building, Huntington Ave.

Estate of Wm. R. Hill, Chickering Hall, 239 Huntington Ave.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports on petitions (severally referred August 8) for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905—that licenses be granted, viz:

Jacob Milch, German Workmen's Association Hall, 22-6 Amory St.

Trustees Huntington Chambers Trust, Huntington Chambers Hall, 30 Huntington Ave.

Odd Fellows' Hall Association, Odd Fellows Hall, 515 Tremont St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Report on petition of J. W. Luce (referred today) (for George Magee, manager), for permit for May Fanny Abbott and William A. Sheedy, children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week beginning Sept. 19, 1904—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(7) Report on petition of Bertha Sampson (referred today) for license for musical entertainments at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St., for the season ending August 1, 1905—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw at her own request.

Accepted.

(8) Report on petition of J. R. Benn (referred Sept. 12), license for musical and dancing entertainments in hall, 830 Tremont St., for one month from Sept. 12, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 12) for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz:

David Jacobs, sign, 31 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Toland & McDonnell, illuminated sign, 260 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

T. Rosenbaum & Co., electric sign No. 6 Milk St., Wd. 6.

The same, electric sign, 42 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Mink & Fitzpatrick, illuminated sign, 122 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Bridget Kenny (referred July 11), for leave to project one bay window at 121 Vernon St., Wd. 18—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs, etc.—recommending that leave be granted, viz:

W. A. Wilson, campaign transparency, 121 Clifton St., Wd. 16.

George A. McEvoy, M.D., unlettered lamp, 79 Warren St., Wd. 21.

Martin Kennedy, campaign transparency, 1733 Washington St.

Murray & Conway, electric illuminated sign, 642-4 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James H. Doyle, campaign transparency, 830 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Wm. A. Alexander, illuminated sign, 121 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston for leave to relocate poles—recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (on petition re-committed July 11), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

Eutaw St., between Marion and Brooks

St., Wd. 1, No. of poles, 2; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 ft.x16 in.; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; date of plan, June 3, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (on petition referred Sept. 12), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said pole to be located as follows:

School St., near Washington St., Wd. 22, No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 ft.x14 in.; date of plan, Sept. 9, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from School St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (on petition referred today), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wire at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said pole to be located as follows:

Dorchester Ave., at Plymouth Div., N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 50 ft.x15 in.; date of plan, Sept. 15, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from Dorchester Ave. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Reports on petitions of The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect poles, etc.—recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed July 11), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Havre St., between Decatur and Maverick Sts., Wd. 2: No. of poles, 4; height and diameter of poles not to exceed, 35 ft. by 13 in.; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.; date of plan, June 10, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred Sept. 12), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Ruggles St., near Huntington Ave., Wd. 19: No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed, 35 ft. by 13 in.; date of plan, July 22, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed Aug. 1), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

Blanche St., between Greenhill and Preston Sts., Wd. 24: No. of poles, 4; height and diameter of poles not to exceed, 35 ft. by 13 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, July 7, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company (on petition referred Sept. 12), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

L St., near First St., Wd. 14: No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 ft. by 14 in.; width of sidewalk, 8 ft.; date of plan, Sept. 6, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from L St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the condition specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(e) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred today), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:

South St., near Child St., Wd. 22, No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 45 ft.x15 in.; date of plan, Sept. 15, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from South St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said

poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(f) Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred Sept. 12), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Norfolk St., between Norfolk Terrace and Washington St., Wd. 20, No. of poles, 3; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 10 ft.; date of plan, Sept. 9, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from Norfolk St. three poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Report on petition of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. (referred Sept. 12), for leave to remove pole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. to remove from opposite 1237 Tremont St. one pole marked "remove" on a plan dated Sept. 17, 1896, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 12), for leave to attach wires and locate poles—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Sept. 26, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard viz.:

West End Street Railway Co., to attach wires to eleven poles of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. on Summer St. extension, between D and B Sts., Wd. 13.

Board of Police, to locate posts for signal boxes, one in Eliot Sq., Wd. 19, and one in Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

(5) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 12), for leave to attach wires, erect poles, etc.—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 3, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

New England Telegraph & Telephone Company of Mass., to attach wires to trees, viz.: One at 555 E. Seventh St. and one at corner K and E. Seventh Sts., Wd. 15.

The same company, to erect six poles on Milton Ave. near Edson St., and two poles on Edson St. near Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

The same company, to erect eleven poles on Maywood St., Wd. 21.

The same company, to erect five poles on Hamilton St. near Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, to erect twelve poles on Meridian St., Wd. 2.

The same company, to erect four poles on Marcella St., Wd. 22.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(6) Report on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted July 11), for leave to erect three poles on Cedar St., Wd. 3—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

EXTENSION OF TIME.

The following was received:

City of Boston, Law Department,
Tremont Building, Rooms 730-741.

September 16, 1904.

The Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your order of the 12th of September in which you ask my opinion as to "whether it is competent for the Board of Aldermen to pass an order granting an extension of time to a gas and electric light company for the erection of its poles, the original grant having expired," was duly received.

I understand that the gas and electric light company referred to is such a corporation as is referred to in Section 17 of Chapter 121 of the Revised Laws. That section says that such company shall not erect or maintain any poles for the support of wires or dig up any street or highway until it has, upon petition in writing, obtained the consent in writing of the mayor and aldermen of cities, or selectmen of towns, in which said streets are located. The section then provides that on such consent the corporation may, under the direction and control of the mayor and aldermen or selectmen, erect and maintain the poles.

I understand that the corporation had a petition in writing. All that is necessary therefore is for it to obtain the written consent of the Board of Aldermen. The order granting an extension of time taken in connection with the former proceedings is such consent.

In my opinion, therefore, it is within the power of the Board to pass such an order. If the statute has been complied with, the courts will not consider the form in which the consent is given. See *Sears v. Boston*, 173 Mass. 80.

Yours truly,

Thomas M. Babson, Corporation Counsel.
Placed on file.

ORDER OF NOTICE—BAY WINDOW.

On the petition of John Sheridan for leave to project one bay window from building No. 244 Maverick St., Wd. 2, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 3, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SALE OF OIL—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of the Maritime Stores Co. for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz: 1 barrel kerosene in metal case—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, October 10, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CLOSING OF SHAWMUT AVE.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be and hereby is authorized to close Shawmut Ave. between Corning and Castle Sts., Wd. 9, to all public travel, said closing to continue during the time necessary for the completion of the improvements on the bridge at said point.

Passed.

PUBLIC HALL LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That any license granted for a "public hall" having a seating capacity of four hundred or more shall be upon the condition that a failure to receive from the Mayor a license for the building, under chapter 450 of the Acts of 1904, shall be a revocation of the license.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, for the information of any members who don't

understand that order I would like to state that there is a possibility that the Committee on Licenses, not knowing what the seating capacity of the different halls is, might grant a license to the lessees of different halls the seating capacity of which is over four hundred people, and which should, under the new law, receive a license from the Mayor after the building has been inspected by the Building Commissioner. Therefore, to cover the members of the Board of Aldermen and City Government in the matter, the order is introduced, so in case these halls are not properly constructed in accordance with the new law, the licenses will not go into effect.

The order was referred, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to the Committee on Public Improvements.

STAIRS, SUMMER ST. BRIDGE.

Ald. BRESNAHAN presented a petition, signed by C. L. Hawthaway & Sons et als., asking that an iron stairway be built from Summer St. to A St., at the Summer St. bridge, as said stairs will be of great benefit to the employees in that vicinity.

In connection with the same, Ald. Bresnahan offered an order: That the City Engineer be directed by His Honor the Mayor to erect stairs for the convenience of the traveling public from Summer St. bridge to A St., South Boston the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Broadway bridge.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, in relation to that order I would like to state that at the present time there is no way of getting down from Summer St. bridge to Congress St. except by an iron stairway which is now some 500 or 600 feet distant from A St., at P St. But there are a great many people working for the various concerns along Summer and Congress Sts. who live in localities where they must use that bridge, and for them to go around necessitates considerable hardship. The merchants and business men of that district have been asking for this little improvement for some time, feeling that it is a necessity, not only for the protection of their property, but as an accommodation to the Police and Fire Departments, and also to the people who work in the different manufacturing establishments along that line. I hope the order will be passed.

The order was passed. Sent down.

BUILDING OF RETAINING WALL.

Chairman Doyle offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to charge the expense of building a retaining wall and fence on the northwesterly boundary line of Columbus Ave. Playground to the appropriation for Columbus Ave. Playground, Sanitary Building.

Passed. Sent down.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 4:04 P.M., on motion of Ald. Curley, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 6:17 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following, viz.:—

(1) Reports on orders of notice, severally referred Sept. 12, for licenses to keep oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:—

William G. Seavey, 616 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

H. P. Hood & Sons, 494 Rutherford Ave., Wd. 4.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on orders—recommending the passage of the same, viz.:—

Order (referred Sept. 12), that the Supt. of Streets repair the street at the corner of Bellevue and Robin Sts., Wd. 23, and have the same put in safe condition for public travel.

Order (referred Sept. 12), for repair of sidewalk in front of church, corner Centre and Mt. Vernon Sts., Wd. 23.

Order (referred Sept. 12), for sidewalk 31-37 Shirley St., Wd. 17.

Order (referred today), concerning the granting of licenses for public halls having a seating capacity of 400 or more.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Report on message of Mayor (referred Sept. 12), transmitting communication from City Auditor, giving notice of deficit in appropriation for land for Strandway, Park Department—that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(4) Report on message of the Mayor (referred August 1), recommending the passage of preambles and order relative to the abolition of certain grade crossing—that said message be placed on file and that said preambles and order be passed. Report accepted; preambles and order passed.

Accepted.

(5) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for sidewalks—directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the streets hereinafter named, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, viz.:—

John S. Wallin, 25 Everett St., Wd. 25, brick.

Phillip McMorro, 1446-8 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, brick.

James W. Boleman, 65 Munroe St., Wd. 21, brick.

Daniel Crowley, 30 Francis St., Wd. 19, brick.

Brummett & Starrett, 63 Dix St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

H. M. Rambach, 350-4 Norfolk Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

John W. Douse, 47 Dix St., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(6) Report on order (referred May 9) for sidewalk on Bowdoin Ave., from No. 21 to Nottingham St., Wd. 20—that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

(7) Report on order (referred Jan. 11) that a special committee be appointed to make arrangements for the encampment for the G. A. R., during their encampment in this city—that no action is necessary.

Accepted.

(8) Report on papers—that the same be placed on file, viz.:—

Remonstrance of the Boston Wharf Co. (referred Aug. 1) against the closing of Mt. Washington Ave. and bridge, or either of them.

Message of Mayor (referred Sept. 12), transmitting communication from Trustees of City Hospital relative to removal of bodies of deceased patients.

Accepted.

(9) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 12) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits as hereinafter stated, and that said work be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:—

Lillian T. Snow, for leave to construct, maintain and use, an area 6 ft. 3 by 3 ft. 9, with a patent sidewalk cover, also a coal-hole opening 2 ft. 6 by 2 ft. 6, with an 13-inch coal-hole and iron cover of rough

upper surface under and in the sidewalk on Cummington St., southeasterly side, near Blandford St., Wd. 11.

Hersey Mfg. Co., to lay, maintain and use, a 6-inch iron pipe with steam pipes encased therein under and across Dresser St., Wd. 13, as shown on a plan dated Aug. 16, 1904, on file in the permit office of the street department.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(10) Report on petition of J. W. Bishop Co. (referred today) for leave to erect guy posts—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. W. Bishop Co., to erect, maintain and use, guy posts with the necessary ropes attached in and over the following streets:

One in Queensbury St., 250 ft. west of Jersey St.; one in Queensbury St., 120 ft. east of Jersey St.; one in Peterborough St., 350 ft. west of Jersey St.; one in Peterborough St., 220 ft. east of Jersey St.; one in Jersey St., 250 ft. north of Peterborough St., Wd. 11, for use during the erection of the Church of the Disciples, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(11) Report on message of mayor and order (referred Jan. 13) relative to the settlement of suits with the Boston Elevated Railway Company—that the message be placed on file and that the order be passed in concurrence.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

At request of Ald. WHELTON, the order as originally submitted, was read, as follows:—

Ordered, That the City Solicitor be and hereby is authorized to settle, with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Claims, any suits or claims for damages to the real estate of the City of Boston growing out of the location, construction, operation and maintenance of the Boston Elevated Railway.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer an amendment to that order at this time, providing that it shall also require the approval of the Board of Aldermen. If the Chair will accept that amendment, and it is proper, I will make it at this time.

The order was amended by inserting after the word "mayor," the words "Board of Aldermen," and the question came on the passage of the order as amended.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for an explanation. The order reads, "The Committee on Claims," which is a joint committee of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. I would like to ask the gentleman on my right (Ald. Quigley) whether he means that the Board of Aldermen shall approve such claims, in conjunction with the Committee on Claims, or the City Council?

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will say that I meant the City Council, both branches.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I would move that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Public Improvements. This is rather an important matter, and as we have not had time to consider the amendment I think we should do so.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me as a member of this Board that every committee has to report back to this body, and that the amendment offered by my friend on the other side of the chamber is not necessary. For that reason I am at this time in a position to vote against the amendment, because I believe every committee of this City Council must report back to this body and if the amendment suggested by the Alderman on my left today prevails, it will simply result

in doing just what we are doing today. For those reasons, Mr. Chairman, I hope the amendment of my friend on the left will not prevail.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that this, being a special order, does not have the same effect that an ordinary order referred to the Committee on Claims would have; that if this order passed as proposed, and an order was referred under it to the Committee on Claims, there would be no need of the approval of the Board of Aldermen except so far as the Board is represented on the Committee on Claims.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope the motion made by Ald. Slattery will prevail. It is about time that the City of Boston through its representatives in the City Government had some intelligent understanding in regard to the powers and duties conferred upon members of the City Government by law. We have another example today in the presentation of this order of an attempt being made to centralize power, to give power to a committee, and to state by our votes in public that we are not capable of acting upon such propositions as confront us. Last January, when the Mayor sent this in, I was informed by a lawyer that we had no power or jurisdiction in the matter. I said "Why does the Mayor send it to the Board of Aldermen?" "In order to secure your approval." We have conflicting statements as regards our position in the matter, and I am willing to accept Ald. Slattery's motion to dispose of it for the time being by reference to the Committee on Public Improvements. I do not believe in giving away one inch of the powers of the Board of Aldermen now, because each year by action of the Legislature and by our own votes in this Board we are gradually decreasing the power that was once so great in the City Council of Boston. I hope Ald. Slattery's motion will prevail.

The order as amended was recommitted to the Committee on Public Improvements.

(12) Report on veto message of Mayor and order (referred Sept. 12) vetoing order to accept Chapter 402, Acts 1904, to pension members of the Police Signal Service—that the veto of his Honor the Mayor be not sustained and that the message be sent down.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, in connection with this order I desire to state at the outset that I am satisfied that it is the intent and desire of His Honor the Mayor at all times to be friendly to organized labor and to have the welfare of the laboring man, the worker, at heart. But I appreciate the fact that in the performance of the duties of his office the work is of such a nature, and there is so much of it, that it is at times just possible that he does not have an opportunity to thoroughly investigate certain matters that may come before him. I am fully convinced, from the action taken by the various labor organizations, that in this particular instance he has unfortunately overlooked what I believe can be justly termed the rights of the men employed in the Police Signal service. In this connection I desire to make a few brief statements for the benefit of the members of the Board. I have here a communication sent by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 104, affiliated with the Central Labor Union and American Federation of Labor, State Branch, that reads as follows:

"Boston, Aug. 16, 1904.

"On August 13th and 14th inst., in the columns of the Boston Press, there appeared a veto by Mayor Collins, of the 'Bill to pension the Signal Service employees of the Police Dept. of the City of

Boston,' on the ground 'that their work is no more dangerous than that of an ordinary lineman.' 'The police and firemen are pensioned,' he adds, 'on account of their dangerous occupation.' Let us ask His Honor if he ever considered for one moment that the efficiency of the Police and Fire Dept. depends upon the linemen of these two departments. Let us also ask His Honor, if he has facts to sustain his contention—'of their work being no more dangerous than that of a lineman.' Out of a possible 2500 men employed in the Police and Fire Department, how many of them have lost their lives in the performance of their duties during the last five years? There are 250 linemen employed in Boston on an average. Out of that number, within five years, 15 of them were instantly killed, 21 have been crippled for life, and 162 who have been more or less injured, and had to receive benefits from the Local for their support during the same period."

In other words, gentlemen, nearly 75 p.c. of the men employed in this work have been crippled or incapacitated from doing their regular work as a result of the dangerous nature of their labors.

"His Honor, being a lawyer, must certainly know, that a lineman has no redress in the courts of the state. How is it that life insurance companies demand higher rates on linemen than on policemen, if their work is not more dangerous? Because, they are always occupied in a more dangerous work, which we think the casualties in both departments and that of the linemen will plainly illustrate. Local No. 104 at their regular meeting of above date, unanimously endorsed the following:

"Be it resolved: That Local No. 104 condemns the action of His Honor, Mayor Collins, in this matter as being either ignorant of facts and real conditions, or otherwise unjust to the linemen of the City of Boston.

Be it further resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Boston Central Labor Union and the State Branch A. F. of L.

"John A. McInnis.

"Recording Secretary."

In connection with this resolution passed by the American Federation of Labor the Central Labor Union at its meeting yesterday passed a similar resolution, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Central labor union indorse the action of electrical workers' union 104 in protesting against the veto of the bill to pension the signal service employees of the police department of the City of Boston.

"Resolved, That we believe the hazardous nature of the employment of the signal service force fully entitles them to the benefit of the bill, and we emphatically urge the members of the city government to pass the bill over his honor's veto.

"Resolved, That the secretary of this body notify each member of the city council of the position of this body."

In connection with those two votes perhaps a little explanation as regards the work of the men employed in the police signal service might be well at this time. The number of men affected by the passage of this bill is 19. Two are veterans.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman a question. I will ask how many men in the police signal service have been killed during the past five years?

Ald. CURLEY—Fifteen.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Employed by the City of Boston in the police signal service?

Ald. CURLEY—Fifteen linemen have been killed. As to the number who were directly employed in the police signal service I am not prepared to state.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman seems to be pretty well informed,

and I thought I would like to ask him the question.

Ald. CURLEY—I have the statistics, Mr. Chairman, from the men employed on the work themselves. Two of the men are veterans. One will be subject to retirement at the end of three years, two at 12 years, the balance after 20 years, so that the expense of which His Honor speaks is purely visionary. The hours of duty are 74 each week. The men are subject to the same rules as apply to members of the Police Department—are held for service in case of strike, riots, parades, etc., without extra pay. The service is maintained day and night necessarily making the danger greater. The men are obliged to make repairs both night and day and any person connected with the wire department of any electrical concern will substantiate the statement that the danger to life and limb is 1000 p.c. greater at night than it is in the day. In addition the men are subject to call at any time even upon leave of absence and cannot remain away from the city even one hour without the consent of the superintendent. A comparison between this branch of the municipal service and the wire department is interesting. In the wire department maintained by the city with headquarters on Wareham St. the men work six days each week, 48 hours constituting a week's work. Some 40 men are employed, the annual pay roll being \$57,000, with no service to maintain the work being merely that of inspection. The salary roll of the police signal department is about \$23,000 per year which includes payment for men employed as hostlers in the police department. As to the necessity for the passage of this order in closing I will simply state that the best informed statisticians in the world are men connected with the insurance interests and they invariably demand a rate of insurance from men employed in the police signal service three times greater than that asked from men engaged in any other calling.

In closing, I will say that I am satisfied had His Honor the Mayor been familiar with the true conditions and facts in connection with this particular measure, he would have signed the bill and it would be unnecessary for us to act upon it here today. I trust that the members will see the wisdom of voting for the passage of the bill, notwithstanding the veto by the Mayor.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, when I ask that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, I will say that I am prepared to vote upon it today, if they intend to force it, but my stand will be against it at present. Perhaps the Mayor has not had the facilities for obtaining information in regard to the matter, and perhaps he is not so well informed as is the gentleman who last spoke. I don't think this matter will suffer by being referred. I am willing to wait one week or two weeks, until I get more information than I am possessed of at the present time. As I understood the gentleman who has so much information upon this matter in the Committee on Public Improvements, he stated that a communication was to be sent to each member of the Board of Aldermen. I have received no communication from the Central Labor Union, and no other man excepting himself has received a communication of that kind. I am willing to wait, and perhaps I may see things in a different light when I get my information from the Central Labor Union. I am willing to have the Central Labor Union come before the Committee on Public Improvements and state to us what they desire, and I think it is due the Board of Aldermen, who are to pass upon this matter here, that the Central Labor Union should send its delegates and should not hand over anything of this kind to somebody else, to be given to us second hand.

Perhaps I may be wrong, but that is my idea in relation to this matter. I hope the gentlemen in their wisdom will recommit this matter, and if it lies over for one or two weeks I don't think any interests will be harmed. I don't believe there have been fifteen men in the police signal service of the city of Boston killed since the system has been established. Since its institution, I will admit that there may have been fifteen linemen killed, but I don't believe fifteen men connected with the police signal service of the city of Boston have been killed. I hope the Board of Aldermen will in its wisdom see fit to send this matter back to the Committee on Public Improvements. Let the Mayor consider the matter, and if he is wrong, very well. That will change our opinion. When we see the light of day we will vote accordingly.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I cannot understand the attitude of the gentleman from Charlestown (Ald. Quigley) in asking that this matter be recommitment to the Committee on Public Improvements. The order was passed by the legislature some time in April this year, and it has been before the Committee on Public Improvements since about the 8th of August. Last week some men wanted additional information upon it. Mr. Quigley was not one of those men. The matter was laid over a week for the benefit of the gentleman from Dorchester, who was to look up certain facts in connection with it. Now, the facts are right here. The resolution was passed by the Labor Union and notice of it was printed in the papers on the 16th of August, more than one month ago. So the gentleman must have been familiar with the facts. I certainly do not see the necessity for referring this back to the Committee on Public Improvements. I am satisfied that the Mayor could not recall the measure from the Board of Aldermen, even though he desired to do so, and I don't see that there is any other course left open for us, if we wish to do justice to the men employed in this most dangerous of callings, than to pass the order here today.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I want to say, for the benefit of the alderman on my left (Ald. Quigley), that the Central Labor Union has sent its delegate down here to say to the Board of Aldermen that these resolutions were passed in the Central Labor Union yesterday, unanimously. Very fortunately for the labor organizations, they have a delegate of the Central Labor Union in the Board of Aldermen. That delegate has called the attention of the alderman on my left to the fact that these resolutions were passed unanimously in the Central Labor Union yesterday. His attention was also called to the fact that the letter was in the mail, mailed by the Secretary of the Central Labor Union to Ald. Kneeland this morning at nine o'clock. Ald. Kneeland called the secretary of the Central Labor Union up on the telephone, and the alderman who desires this matter laid over so as to get the information officially refused to come to the end of the wire and hear what the secretary of the Central Labor Union had to say, and the Chairman of this Board of Aldermen took the end of the wire and found that it was absolutely true that these resolutions were passed by the Central Labor Union yesterday. Now, I don't think it is fair for a member to say that he wants a matter laid over for a certain purpose, when the information he claims to desire has been made plain to him. There is no question in the mind of any fair-minded alderman here today but what the Central Labor Union passed these resolutions unanimously yesterday. There can be no doubt of it. If the alderman has some other purpose in desiring the matter laid over, I believe that is his right; but I don't think it is fair for him to stand on his feet and say he wants it laid over so that he may officially find out from the Central Labor Union that they took this action. I, as a

delegate of the Central Labor Union, proud of the fact that I am a delegate of that honorable body, say to the alderman on my left that these resolutions were passed unanimously yesterday by that body.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will state for the information of the gentleman who has just taken his seat that I have good and sufficient reasons for my position. He and the gentleman who preceded him, claim to have certain information. The mayor had no such information. Let these gentlemen, with all the eloquence and fervor that they have shown here today, go and talk with the mayor, and if they can convince him that this is a proper thing I guess we will not find any fault with this order being passed over his veto. I don't believe but what the Mayor is as friendly to labor as either one of the two gentlemen who have preceded me. I think it is to his interest as much as to the interest of either one of the two gentlemen to be friendly to labor measures. Perhaps I may be wrong in my position, but I think it will take more arguments than the gentlemen have advanced today to convince me that I am wrong.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I cannot quite understand how it is that a measure which will affect but three men within a time twelve years distant is in such danger by a very little delay, or what particular necessity there is why it should be acted on at this moment. The gentleman who introduced the order has said that it would affect but three men in twelve years' time. If that is the case—and I take him at his word—why should there be such indecent haste here this afternoon to pass the measure? I did ask for information and did get certain information, but I did not get all the information. I did not get information in regard to the number of fatalities that has occurred during the last five years, and I question whether the information given on this floor this afternoon—that fifteen men in the police signal service in the City of Boston have lost their lives in the last five years—is correct. I am glad to hear the gentlemen talk this afternoon of their friendliness and the friendliness of the Mayor to labor. I think we can all say that we are friendly to labor, but I think we are actuated also by decency, justice, honesty, and a desire to do right. I think it should be the wish and desire of the members of this Board to support the motion made by Ald. Quigley. While pensions in themselves are desirable, it is just possible that we are not in a position to carry out the provisions of this order at the present time. I quite agree that there is greater danger in this particular work than there is in other work, that it may perhaps be especially hazardous; but we can say the same of workmen who have to dig in the sewers and encounter sewer gas and the other things they have to contend with. So I think that argument of itself is not sufficient. I think, in justice to the Mayor and in justice to members who are anxious to hear directly from the Central Labor Union, and who have not as yet received word from them, and also that members of the Union or those interested in the order may have an opportunity to appear before the Committee and give direct testimony in the matter, that Ald. Quigley's motion should prevail.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I trust that the motion to recommit will not prevail. I am satisfied that a vote should be taken today. I believe that the gentlemen present have just as much knowledge upon this subject today as they can possibly have a week from today. If inadvertently I made the statement that fifteen members of the police signal service department were killed, it was quite unintentional, and I corrected it. So I think it is unfair in both gentlemen to use that statement. I stated that in Boston 250 men were em-

ployed as linemen and during the past five year fifteen of them had been killed in the discharge of their duties. As regards what appears to be the bone of contention—the action of the Central Labor Union—I want to say to both gentlemen on my left that I still have some confidence in the reports published in the newspapers of Boston. I believe the Boston Daily Globe is a reliable journal, and that is the paper from which this particular item was culled; and I believe the gentleman from Charlestown in his own mind honestly believes that the Central Labor Union did take that action yesterday. As regards the necessity for putting this over, I see none. There is no new light that these gentlemen can receive. They have received all the light they could reasonably expect to receive, and there is no reason why they cannot vote upon this today. I trust that the motion of the gentleman on my left will not prevail.

The motion to recommit to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried. Ald. Curley doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion to recommit was lost, yeas 4, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Slattery—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Whelton—8.

The question came on the passage of the order, the veto of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the order be assigned for one week. The motion to assign was declared carried.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I object to that motion.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the objection is out of order. The motion has been put and carried.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I respectfully doubt the vote and ask for a roll call.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of that vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the gentleman from Wd. 18 is out of order, as Ald. Curley has doubted the vote and asked that the roll be called.

The motion to assign the order to the next meeting was lost, yeas 4, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Bowen, Bresnahan, Hennessey, Slattery—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Curley, Doyle, Frothingham, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley, Whelton—8.

The Board next voted on the question of passing the order, the objection of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, with the following result:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Slattery—4.

The CHAIRMAN—The necessary two-thirds of the members not having voted to pass the order over the Mayor's veto, it is not a vote.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration and ask that the same be assigned for one week.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will state that the gentleman is out of order, as 'his is a reconsideration in itself, and reconsideration cannot be asked twice upon the same order.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, if I may be permitted, I believe this is the first vote taken on the passage of the order, notwithstanding the veto of His Honor the Mayor.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would state that the first vote was taken when the act was approved. There has already been one reconsideration, and reconsideration is not in order at this time.

Ald. CURLEY—If in order, I move to rescind the vote.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will entertain a motion to rescind.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, does it require a unanimous vote to rescind an order that has been passed?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair rules that it does not.

The motion to rescind was carried, and the question came on the passage of the order, the veto of the Mayor to the contrary, notwithstanding.

On motion of Ald. CURLEY, the matter was assigned to the next meeting.

INFORMATION FROM WATER COMMISSIONER.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, with your permission and the permission of the members of the Board I desire to make a statement. On February 1st last, I introduced an order into this Board requesting certain information regarding the water rates of the City of Boston. The order was passed by this Board and, with the approval of the Mayor, sent to the water commissioner. Since February 1st I have been steadfastly at work trying to get that report into the Board of Aldermen, but by stories that I cannot place a great deal of faith in the information has been kept away from this Board. I know of my own personal knowledge that the information requested in the order has been ready for over two months past. I was promised faithfully that the information I desired would be given to the members of this board on Monday last. I have made several attempts since then to secure the information, but up to date the excuses are just about the same as they were last March. In my opinion they do not want to furnish the information, and it was my intention, Mr. Chairman, acting under Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1899, to compel the Water Commissioner to come before this Board and give the information requested by the Board. I make this statement today so as to give him notice that on Monday next, when the Board of Aldermen meets, he had better be prepared to live up to the provisions of the law, and not attempt to keep from this Board information that rightfully belongs to it, and that I think the citizens of Boston will greatly appreciate when it comes here.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the West End Street Railway Company (recommended Sept. 12), for location for single curve track—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the rights heretofore granted to the West End Street Railway Company for locations for tracks in the streets of the City of Boston, said company shall have the right to construct, maintain and use a single curve track at the northerly corner of Dorchester St. and West Eighth St., South Boston, connecting with existing tracks there situate; said tracks being shown by red lines on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated July 21, 1901, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the

whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 339 of the Acts of 1902; otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree in front of 90 West Seventh St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 91 Worcester St.; the expense of

the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be and hereby is directed to remove a tree at the corner of Park St. and March Ave., Wd. 23, standing in front of the proposed new church building of the West Roxbury Methodist Episcopal Church society, the removal of said tree being necessary on account of building construction; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove the trees on Adams and King Sts., in front of the Mary Hemmeway school; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.
Passed.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION.

Ald. KNEELAND moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 7:03 P.M., to meet on Monday, Sept. 26, at 3 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Sept. 26, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent, Ald. O'Toole.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Frothingham, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty-six traverse jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, for the Superior Criminal Court, Oct. 3, 1904, viz.:

Charles E. Waite, Wd. 3; Michael T. Howard, Wd. 13; Charles S. Barker, Wd. 24; Arthur J. Duffy, Wd. 21; Michael J. Oates, Wd. 23; George A. Emery, Wd. 23; Henry Smiley, Wd. 21; Thomas F. Donnelly, Wd. 19; John F. Canty, Wd. 19; Joseph O. Severance, Wd. 17; Patrick Butler, Wd. 9; Maurice J. Nagle, Wd. 12; Neil E. Mathewson, Wd. 18; Lewis J. Harrow, Wd. 13; Patrick H. Shaughnessy, Wd. 13; Charles F. Graumann, Wd. 22; Storris L. Durkee, Wd. 10; Michael O'Shaughnessy, Wd. 9; Sidney Chase, Wd. 11; George E. Ditmar, Wd. 22; George C. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 2; Winthrop M. Kidder, Wd. 10; Frank E. Pugsley, Wd. 23; Paul Lounsbury, Wd. 23; John T. Toohey, Wd. 8; Robert B. Shann, Wd. 10; Edward Fischer, Wd. 19; John McDermott, Wd. 17; William J. McNichol, Wd. 13; John F. White, Wd. 21; William H. Gault, Wd. 12; Henry W. Rice, Wd. 21; Herbert E. Wheat, Wd. 20; William E. Ford, Wd. 19; John Roessle, Wd. 19; James F. Murphy, Wd. 15.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 26, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Edson J. Gould (150 Warren Ave.) and Thomas F. Jenkins (37 Hanson St.) Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

INFORMATION FROM WATER DEPT.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 26, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I herewith transmit a report from the Water Commissioner in response to your Order of February 1st, 1904, requesting certain statistics in regard to the revenue of the Department and the number of buildings metered.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall.

Boston, September 23, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir—In compliance with an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed Feb. 1, 1904, requesting a report as to revenue from water by meters and otherwise, by wards, I submit herewith schedules covering the information desired, based on revenue received for the year ending December 31, 1903, as follows:—

Schedule 1—Showing "Amount of revenue received for water from each ward."

Schedule 2—Showing "Number of buildings in each ward that are metered."

Schedule 3—Showing "Amount of revenue derived from metered buildings, by wards."

Schedule 4—Showing "Amount of revenue received by the City by wards from buildings which are not metered."

The classification is the same in each ward, in accordance with the schedule of water rates in force at the present time, with the exception that dwelling houses valued above \$25,000 are now being placed under meter rates.

Yours respectfully,

E. S. Sullivan, Water Commissioner.

Schedule 1.

Amount of revenue received for water from each ward:

Ward.	Revenue.
1	\$61,419.72
2	71,885.71
3	51,722.91
4	49,174.04
5	39,391.38
6	230,525.92
7	269,312.92
8	124,175.24
9	100,454.21
10	126,635.42
11	165,737.65
12	72,974.86
13	114,547.97
14	67,102.52
15	45,361.00
16	54,441.00
17	72,250.58
18	61,795.18
19	78,115.21
20	112,877.29
21	81,777.29
22	78,175.14
23	72,577.55
24	94,911.41
25	76,093.17
Miscellaneous	2,829.27

Total.....\$2,376,264.30

Schedule 2.

Number of buildings in each ward that are metered:

Ward.	Buildings.
1	61
2	83
3	41
4	95
5	59
6	1,032
7	1,050
8	454
9	287
10	276
11	452
12	186
13	183
14	59
15	40
16	43
17	152
18	162
19	87
20	34
21	64
22	69
23	40
24	66
25	78

Schedule 3.

Amount of revenue derived from metered buildings, by wards:

Ward.	Revenue.
1	\$11,836.50
2	31,319.70
3	24,837.55
4	19,774.65
5	13,186.96
6	174,564.86
7	224,478.57
8	83,100.85
9	57,586.85

10	72,407.23
11	82,926.80
12	25,055.70
13	74,098.32
14	22,340.02
15	4,956.20
16	5,906.06
17	19,708.58
18	14,922.80
19	20,964.00
20	7,545.00
21	9,621.90
22	11,466.59
23	7,362.18
24	15,667.80
25	20,878.25

Total.....\$1,056,513.92

Schedule 4.

Amount of revenue received by the City by wards, from buildings which are not metered:

Ward.	Revenue.
1	\$49,583.22
2	40,566.01
3	26,835.36
4	29,399.39
5	26,204.42
6	55,961.06
7	44,834.09
8	41,074.39
9	42,867.36
10	54,228.19
11	82,810.85
12	47,919.16
13	40,449.65
14	41,762.50
15	40,404.80
16	48,534.94
17	52,542.00
18	46,872.38
19	57,151.21
20	105,332.29
21	72,155.39
22	66,708.55
23	65,215.37
24	79,243.61
25	55,214.92
Miscellaneous	2,829.27

Total.....\$1,319,750.38

Ordered printed as a public document, on motion of Ald. Whelton, and placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Ruth T. Sears et al., for leave to locate cellar of building 424-426 Beacon St. at grade 11.75.

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Pasquale Cataldo, a watch sign, at 230 North St., Wd. 6.

Robert A. Boit, a brass sign, at 40 Kilby St., Wd. 6.

G. Kouroyer, two gas arc lamps, at 162 Court St., Wd. 6.

M. Frye, an unlettered lamp, at 271 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Dawson & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 26 Portland St., Wd. 6.

Leopold Rogers, an unlettered lamp, at 224 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Joseph A. Williams, an illuminated sign, at 333 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James D. Russo, an illuminated sign, at 104 Essex St., Wd. 7.

Hollander & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 35 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Kennedy & Meserve, an unlettered lamp, at 64 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

P. Feinstein, an illuminated sign, at 124 Canal St., Wd. 8.

I. B. Slocumb, an unlettered lamp, at 1491 Washington St., Wd. 9.

A. M. Vartanian & Co., an unlettered lamp, at 1277 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Clinton J. White, a sign, at 2028 Washington St., Wd. 17.

M. K. Murphy, an unlettered lamp, at 1206 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Joseph Gauthier, an illuminated sign, at 1230 Tremont St., Wd. 19.

John Hartin & Co., an illuminated sign, at 303 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

S. Marston, a sign at 24 Hawley St., Wd. 7.

George H. Hicks, an electric sign, at 201 Portland St., Wd. 8.

American Credit Co., sign, at 871 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John Farrigan, sign, at 23 Stanlford St., Wd. 8.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, etc., viz.:

Boston Association of Hungarlans, on the evening of Sept. 26.

Board of Election Commissioners, on Sept. 30, day and evening.

Richard H. Dana, Oct. 7, from 12 M. to 1 P.M.

The Church Association for the Advancement of Labor, on the evening of Oct. 13.

Daughters of the Revolution, on the afternoon of Oct. 19.

Electric Wires.

Western Union Telegraph Co., for leave to stretch a twin wire across W. Canton St., and one across W. Dedham St.

Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect four lamp posts and one test post corner of Washington and Dale Sts., and at other locations.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to relocate one pole on W. Cottage St., at Woodville St., Wd. 17.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole on Centre St., near Talbot Ave., Wd. 24.

Claims.

Thomas J. Scollans (two petitions) for payment to Marie L. Scollans of balances remaining from tax sales of estate on northeast side of Maywood St., Roxbury.

Frank D. Knights, to be paid for damage to automobile and for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Centre St., W. R.

Ralph T. Knights, Belle Knights and Vianna J. Tebbetts, each to be paid for personal injuries caused by the wrecking of an automobile by an alleged defect in Centre St., W. R.

Mrs. Jane Hadley, to be paid for damage to house 33 Oak St., caused by backing up of sewage.

Ellen and Julia Collins, to be paid for damages caused by the obstruction of their drain at 72 Calumet St., by employees of the city.

Mrs. R. Wasserman, for compensation for damage to property stored at 218 Chambers St., caused by the stoppage of the sewer in said street.

Jacob Pollack, to be paid for damage to property at 76 Brighton Ave., caused by the backing up of a sewer.

Frederick B. Percy, for compensation for damage to his carriage by a wagon of the Sanitary Division.

Frank N. Whitehouse, for compensation for damage to suite 3, house 121 Folsom, by the police in attempting to arrest an insane woman.

Mary A. Kelley, for compensation for damage to estate 110-116 Ruggles St., and 8 Haskins St., by the backing up of sewage.

Licenses.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905, viz.:

Iona Social Club, at 144 Meridian St., E.B.

Harry N. Farren, Manager, at the Columbia Theatre.

Harvard Athletic Association, at Soldiers Field, Brighton.

Emergency Hospital, Jas. L. Koch, M.D., superintendent, for license for Sunday concerts at Globe Theatre and Grand Opera House, the proceeds to be devoted to said hospital.

Police (Ald.).

Caroline K. Moise, to be paid for loss of chickens killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

Edward H. Gilligan, for himself and as administrator, to be paid for damages to estate on Parker Hill Ave., caused by change of grade of said avenue.

L. D. Willcutt & Son, for leave to erect guy posts on Broad and Central Sts. and Liberty Sq.

John Sutherland, for leave to stretch three guy ropes over and across Hemenway St., between Astor St. and Westland Ave., Wd. 10.

John Gallagher, for leave to maintain a night lunch wagon junction of Francis and Tremont Sts. and Huntington Ave.

Lester Hunnewell et al., trustees, for leave to lay a conduit for steam pipes under and across Summer St., between Nos. 97 and 82, Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:-

W. H. Newcombe, 102-110 Draper St., Wd. 20.

F. F. Morton, 22 Sutherland Road, Wd. 25.

P. H. Jacot, 33 Waumbek St., Wd. 21.

Annie M. Biggs, 56 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay-windows, etc., viz.:-

1. Augustus P. Loring, trustee, two windows at 140-144 Sumner St., corner of Havre St., Wd. 2.

2. Ellen T. Lynch, two windows from building 379 Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

3. Willoughby H. Stuart, Jr., a permanent awning, from building 139-145 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

4. On petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect seven poles on Vermont St., near Corey St., and two poles on Corey St., between Vermont and Weld Sts., Wd. 23.

H. L. Green, for Jason S. Bailey of 53 State St. and Frank W. Pratt, 12 Berlin St., and Samuel M. Child, appeared and objected to the proposed poles on Vermont St.; and a written remonstrance was received from Fred S. Davis against the proposed poles on Corey St.

No further objection; recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Kneeland, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. On petition of the West End St. Railway Company for leave to attach wires to poles of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts on Summer St. extension, between D and B Sts., Wd. 13.

6. On petition of the Board of Police for leave to locate poles for signal boxes: One in Eliot Sq., Wd. 19, and one in Forest Hills Sq., Wd. 23.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

There being no objection, Chairman Doyle called up No. 7, unfinished business, viz.:-

7. Action on appointments of Matthew J. Hanley, Harrison L. Soule and Augustus E. Wyman, to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation, Committee-Ald. Frothingham and Curley. Whole number of ballots cast 8, yes 8, and the several appointments were confirmed.

MYSTIC WHARF STRUCTURE.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing Sept. 28 on petition of the B. & M. R. R., for license to rebuild structure at Mystic Wharf recently destroyed by fire.

Placed on file.

STAIRS OF STATE ST. STATION.

A communication was received from the Railroad Commissioners notifying the Board of approval of plans of proposed relocations of stairways of Boston Elevated Railway Co.'s station at State St.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

A certificate was received from the Register of Deeds of the clerks' names and the time and amount of their services for the month commencing Aug. 29, 1904.

Approved and ordered paid.

PETROLEUM LICENSES.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of the approval of the petitions for licenses of A. L. Flanders to store and keep gasoline at 196 Columbus Ave., Wd. 22; and of Wilson & Co., to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum at 894 Dorchester Ave., and it was ordered that hearings thereon begin on Monday, Oct. 17, at 3 P.M.

DORIS STREET, WARD 20.

The following was received:-

City of Boston,

Street Commissioner's Office,

Sept. 14, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:-On June 13, last, you passed an order requesting this Board to accept and lay out as a public way Doris St., Wd. 20. From estimates furnished by the Street Department it appears that it will require an expenditure of \$162.50 for sewerage works and \$1350 for roadway construction to bring the street up to the standard required by the Superintendent of Streets.

In view of the fact that this Board has no appropriation available for new work it cannot comply with your request at the present time.

Very respectfully,

James A. Gallivan, Chairman, pro tem.

Placed on file.

AWNING, 15 DOCK SQ.

On the petition of George W. McBride for leave to project a permanent awning at 15 Dock Sq., Wd. 6, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon Monday, Oct. 10, at 3 P.M., when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:-

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall at various times-recommending that leave be granted, viz.:-

Daughters of the Revolution, afternoon of Oct. 19.

Richard H. Dana, from 12 M. to 1 P.M. on Oct. 7.

Boston Association of Hungarians, evening of Sept. 26.

Board of Election Commissioners, day and evening of Sept. 30.

The Church Association for the Advancement of Labor, evening of Oct. 13.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:-

(1) Report on petition of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommended Sept. 12), for leave to attach wires to seven trees on Ashford St., between Chester and Linden Sts., Wd. 25-that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred Sept. 19), for leave to erect poles in various streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, October 10, at 3 o'clock p.m., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., to erect six poles on West Selden St., Wd. 24.

The same company, to erect 6 poles in Clarkson St., Wd. 20.

The same company, to erect 6 poles on South St., near Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, to erect four poles on Alban St., between No. 46 on said street and Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

The same company, to erect one pole in Ashmont St., between Dorchester Ave. and Alban St., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(3) Report on petition of Fire Commissioner (referred today), for leave to erect four lamp posts and one test post, corner Washington and Dale Sts., and at other locations—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, October 10, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted, order of notice passed.

(4) Report on the petition of the West End St. Ry. Co. (recommitted today), for leave to attach wires to poles of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., to allow the attachment of, and to the West End Street Railway Company to attach, the wires of said street railway company to eleven poles of said telephone company on the northerly side of Summer St. extension, between D and B Sts., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by red dots on a plan made by A. L. Plimpton, dated September 7, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed under suspension of the rule.

(5) Report on petition of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Sept. 12), for an extension of time in which to erect poles in Brooks St., Wd. 25—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the time allowed to the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. in which to erect poles on Brooks St., Wd. 25, under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen May 19, 1904, be and the same is hereby extended to Oct. 31, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(6) Report on petition of Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (recommitted July 11) for leave to erect one pole in Austin St.,—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be given to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by Charles A. Pearson; said pole to be located as follows:—

Austin St., opposite Lynde St., Wd. 5; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 ft.x14 in., date of plan, June 10, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on petition of Board of Police (recommitted today) for leave to locate

posts for signal boxes in Eliot Sq. and Forest Hills Sq.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Board of Police to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by black squares on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by John Weigel; said poles to be located as follows:—

Eliot Sq., near Washington St., Wd. 19, No. of poles 1; Forest Hills Sq., near Walk Hill St., Wd. 23, No. of poles 1; date of plan, June 27, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(8) Reports on petitions of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. for leave to erect and relocate poles on various streets—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed June 20), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Oak St., Wd. 4, 1 pole; Eden St., Wd. 4, 1 pole; Sullivan St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Salem St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Essex St., Wd. 4, 1 pole; S. Eden St., Wd. 4, 1 pole; Lincoln St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Dunstable St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Stacey St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Miller St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Chapman St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Union St., Wd. 5, 1 pole; Harvard St., Wd. 5, 2 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; date of plan, May 25, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed Sept. 12), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Circuit St., Wd. 21, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 6 ft.; Oakland St., Wd. 21, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 6 ft.; Westminster Ave., Wd. 21, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; School St., Wd. 22, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; Boylston St., Wd. 22, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; Marcella St., Wd. 22, 1 pole, width of sidewalk 7 ft.; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; date of plan, July 15, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Circuit St. one pole and from Boylston St. one pole shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. to place and maintain a pole for the support of

wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows: Centre St., near Talbot Ave., Wd. 24; No. of poles, 1; height and diameter of pole not to exceed 35 ft.x13 in.; width of sidewalk, 7 ft.; date of plan, Sept. 19, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said Company to remove from Centre St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said pole to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES.

Chairman Doyle presented the following:
City of Boston,
In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Four.

An Ordinance
Relative to the Transportation of Explosive Compounds.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:—

Chapter 45 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 22 the following new sections, and renumbering the remaining sections of said chapter accordingly, viz:—

Section 23. No person shall transport dynamite, gunpowder, gun cotton, fulminate or any other explosive through the streets of Boston before 1 o'clock A.M., or later than 5 o'clock A.M.

Section 24. No person shall transport any explosive compound except in a closed, rubber-tired vehicle, lined with felt or rubber, and approved by the Fire Commissioner.

Section 25. The loading of any vehicle used for the transportation of explosive compounds shall be done under the direct supervision of an officer designated for the purpose by the Fire Commissioner, and no vehicle loaded with explosive compounds shall pass through the streets of the city without the approval of such officer.

Section 26. Two men at least shall be employed on each vehicle conveying explosive compounds, one to act as driver and the other to have the direct care and charge of the explosive compound.

Section 27. Whoever violates the provisions of the four preceding sections shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

UNIFORMS FOR COURT MESSENGER.

Ajd. WHELTON presented a petition from Judges McKim and Grant of the Probate Court and Court of Insolvency, asking that an appropriation be provided so that uniforms for messenger of the court could be purchased.

In connection with the petition, Ajd. Whelton offered the following:—

Ordered, That, in addition to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars heretofore annually allowed for messenger service in the Probate Court and Court of Insolvency, the further sum of one hundred dollars be annually allowed, to be used for purchasing uniforms for the messenger in attendance on said Court, to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk.

Further ordered, That the order passed by this Board, June 27, providing that the messenger in attendance on said court shall receive one hundred dollars an-

nually in addition to his salary, to provide a uniform, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ajd. Hennessey, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, at 4 P.M. The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:56 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ajd. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before November 15 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, on the following petitions:—

John Sutherland (referred today), to stretch, maintain and use three guy ropes over and across Hemenway St., bet. Astor St. and Westland Ave., Wd. 10, for use during the building of a foundation for the new building on the Fenway at Westland Ave.

L. D. Wilcutt & Son (referred today), to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over the following streets:—

1 in Broad St., bet. 38 and 42.
1 in Broad St., at the Board of Trade Building.

1 in Central St., at the Board of Trade Building.

1 in Federal St., bet. 30 and 34.
1 in Liberty Sq., at or near Batterymarch St., Wd. 6, for use during the erection of a building on Broad and other streets.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, on the following petitions:—

Lester Hunnewell, Trustee, and F. Blackwood Fay, Trustee (referred today), to lay, maintain and use a 24-inch conduit, with steam pipes encased therein, under and across Summer St., Wd. 7, to connect estates Nos. 97 and 82, as shown on a plan dated Sept. 24, 1904, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; said pipes to be used for heating and power purposes.

Ralph B. Williams (referred Sept. 19), to construct, maintain and use an area 25 ft. 6 in. by 40 ft. 6 in., and with one coal hole opening 18 in. in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 244 and 246 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted; orders severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for sidewalks—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks along the following named estates; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 in. above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 ft. in width and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, the owner to furnish said materials, viz:—

F. F. Morton, 22 Sutherland Rd., Wd. 25.

P. H. Jacot, 38 Waumbuck St., Wd. 21.

W. H. Newcombe, 102-110 Draper St., Wd. 20.

Annie M. Biggs, 56 Chickatawbut St., Wd. 24, brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 23 newsboys and three bootblacks.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions for amusement licenses for season ending August 1, 1905—that licenses be granted, viz:—

Iona Social Club (referred today), 144 Meridian St., East Boston.

Boston Schwaben Verein (referred Sept. 19), Boston Schwaben Verein Hall, cor. Heath & Schiller Sts.

Pierce J. Grace (referred Sept. 19), Columbus Hall, 994 Washington St.

Harvard Athletic Association (referred today), Athletic Exhibitions at Soldiers Field, Brighton.

Mr. I. Greenburg (referred Aug. 1), Minot Hall, 68 W. Springfield St.

William J. Nolan (referred Aug. 1), Tonti Hall, 327 E St.

Emma J. Crosby (referred Sept. 19), Wheelock Hall, 554 Columbia Rd.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Interstate Exhibition Association (referred August 1) for a license for the Commercial Travelers' Exhibition at the Mechanics Building, Oct. 3 to 29 inclusive—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc.—that leave be granted, viz:—

Louis H. Epstein (referred Sept. 19), sign, over Temple Pl. from building 493 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John Garrigan (referred today), sign, 23 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

American Credit Co. (referred today), sign, 871 Washington St., Wd. 7.

The Bell Tailoring Co. (referred Sept. 19), sign, 307 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Stamler & Chertok (referred Sept. 12), sign, 45 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Pasquale Cataldo (referred today), watch sign, 230 North St., Wd. 6.

Clinton J. White (referred today), sign, 2028 Washington St., Wd. 17.

Robert A. Boit (referred today), brass sign, 40 Kilby St., Wd. 6.

John Hartin & Co. (referred today), illuminated sign, 303 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

I. Nesson (referred Sept. 12), marquise, 12-8 Garrison St., Wd. 10.

Mary Hurwitz (referred Sept. 12), three bay windows, cor. Chambers and Albany Sts. (two over Chambers St.).

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

MIDNIGHT DANCES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Licenses be requested to consider the advisability of providing in the granting of dance hall licenses that the holders of said licenses shall start the dances in their respective places before midnight, and in event of the dance being started after midnight that said licenses shall be null and void.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I trust that this matter will be referred to the Committee on Licenses. The order has been introduced today at the request of several clergymen who live in the district from which I come. It has become the

custom during the past year for the owners or lessees of different dance halls to start what have been termed midnight dances, and in many cases those dances have been held on the eve of a holiday, where the day preceding the holiday was Sunday, the dance being started a very few minutes after 12 o'clock. I am satisfied that it is injurious to the morals of the young people who attend those dances to go there after 12 o'clock, and I believe that it should be stamped out.

I am satisfied that the Committee on Licenses can indicate some provision that will cover this particular point and will aid in stamping out what I am satisfied is a very great wrong, if it is allowed to continue.

The order was passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask that the last vote be rescinded, so that the matter may be referred to the committee on licenses.

The CHAIRMAN—Under the order as passed the matter is simply referred to the Committee on Licenses for consideration.

CLOSING OF TRINITY PLACE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to rope off the sidewalk on the southerly side of Huntington Ave. between Clarendon St. and Trinity Pl., also rope off Trinity Pl. between Huntington Ave. and St. James Ave., on October 5 next, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M., on the occasion of the Triennial Convention of the Episcopal Church of the United States. Passed.

TRIMMING AND REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim a tree in front of estate No. 61 G St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of the estate of John H. Mulhearn, 234 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to trim a tree in front of No. 2062 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, the same being dangerous to public travel; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 511 Dudley St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order, that the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 241 Princeton St., East Boston, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

SIDEWALK ORDER.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Hutchings St., between Humboldt Ave. and Harvard St., Wd. 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from

3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone; under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BOWEN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. SLATTERY, at 6.05 P.M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 3, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 3, 1904.

A Special Meeting was held at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of drawing jurors, Chairman Doyle presiding, and all the members present.

Forty traverse jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, for the Superior Civil Court, sixth session, Oct. 10th, viz.:

Matthew Purcell, Wd. 8; Thomas T. Brooks, Wd. 19; John Dee, Wd. 5; Henry Rooney, Wd. 18; Arthur H. McEnerny, Wd. 4; John Kelley, Wd. 5; Max Kantrowitz, Wd. 22; Wm. H. Reardon, Wd. 20; C. Frank Cantwell, Wd. 1; Louis R. Cormier, Wd. 5; Terence Sheridan, Wd. 14; Wm. H. Hornby, Wd. 12; John McNiff, Wd. 6; James W. McLaughlin, Wd. 16; James J. Sullivan, Wd. 13; Edward J. Counihan, Wd. 4; Arthur P. McKenna, Wd. 7; Herbert Lee, Wd. 13; Francis H. Murray, Wd. 20; Timothy J. O'Connell, Wd. 20; Wm. J. Blair, Wd. 10; Andrew J. Allen, Wd. 10; Michael J. Golden, Wd. 14; Israel A. Ratskesky, Wd. 11; Edward G. Wylie, Wd. 5; John J. Dowd, Wd. 9; Martin Hennessey, Wd. 9; Alfred V. Lincoln, Wd. 5; James Harrington, Wd. 14; Clarence H. Carter, Wd. 10; Michael J. Ormond, Wd. 8; Isaac Flanders, Wd. 9; Peter Martin, Wd. 20; James T. Crowley, Wd. 20; John L. W. Luchterhand, Wd. 24; John F. Donaher, 2nd, Wd. 8; Daniel Kearney, Wd. 19; Emil Alther, Wd. 20; Moses S. Roberts, Wd. 22; John F. J. Muhihall, Wd. 24.

Adjourned.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock, P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of John Sheridan for leave to project one bay-window from building, 244 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

On petition for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz:

2. Dowling & Maguire, at 745 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

3. The Reed-Underhill Co., at 222-224 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

4. John Kennedy, at Starr lane, Jamaica Plain.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz:

5. Four poles on Marcella St., between Washington and Ritchie Sts., Wd. 22.

6. Twelve poles on Meridian St., between Maverick St. and Central Sq., Wd. 2.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massa-

chusetts for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz:

7. Five poles on Hamilton St., near Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

8. Eleven poles on Maywood St., Wd. 21.

9. Six poles on Milton Ave., near Edson St., and two poles on Edson St., near Milton Ave., Wd. 24.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

10. On petition of the same company for leave to attach wires to trees, viz.:

One opposite 555 East Seventh street, and one at the corner of East Seventh and K streets, Wd. 15.

Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

Chairman DOYLE presented the following:

Resolved, That the people of Boston are bowed with profound and sincere grief by the death of George F. Hoar, who for thirty-five years, faithfully and ably served the State of Massachusetts in both branches of the National Congress, the last twenty-seven in the United States Senate.

In the arch consecrated to human freedom, civil and religious liberty and universal justice his brilliant and incorruptible career forms the keystone.

On this day of sorrow we extend to the family of the late Senator Hoar the sympathy of the City of Boston.

Chairman DOYLE said.

Mr. Clerk and Gentlemen:—A great man has departed this life. Senator George Frisbie Hoar has passed away. I shall not attempt to eulogize the deceased, as his fitting eulogy will be the mourning in the hearts of his countrymen whom he served so ably and honestly for many years.

The death of Senator Hoar removes from our midst one of the old school of American patriots and statesmen—perhaps the last of that grand galaxy—and would that there were more of that old school today.

He saw his duty—he fulfilled it. His far-seeing mind knew not politics—he was a patriot, not a politician. His brilliant career was not marred by blemish or scandal, and he bequeathes to his family not fortune, but the brighter heritage of honor and fame. He was our Bayard, our stainless knight, "without fear and without reproach."

I wish to say a last word about Mr. Hoar, and it comes from my heart. Some few years ago, when bigotry and religious feeling were rampant, when narrow-minded men sought to inflame the minds of one creed against another, when lesser men cowered and temporized, our grand old senator stood upon the platform of the Constitution and by his pen and voice drove the fanatics back to the darkness from whence they came and to which they belong. As a descendant of the race which these bigots reviled, as one of the religion which they insulted, I feel that I voice the sentiments of thousands and thousands like myself when I say that Senator George F. Hoar commands our love and respect.

While men like him live and serve the destinies of the Republic are safe.

May he rest in peace.

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG the resolution was adopted by an unanimous rising vote, and the Board, as a further mark of respect, adjourned.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, October 10, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at three o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Slattery.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Quigley, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

LOAN FOR SEWERAGE WORKS.

The following was received:—

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor,
October 10, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith two communications from the Superintendent of Streets, one requesting that the city appropriate one-twentieth of one per cent. of its taxable valuation, in accordance with Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, for the purpose of continuing the work of constructing conduits to keep surface or storm waters separate from the sewage, and the other explaining the necessity of making the appropriation.

For the reasons stated in the second communication, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order, appropriating six hundred thousand dollars outside the debt limit for the continuation of this work.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department,

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Oct. 5, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

I respectfully request that the City Council be asked to appropriate one-twentieth of one per cent. of the taxable valuation of the city for the purpose of constructing separate systems of drainage during the present year, as provided in Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903.

Respectfully,

James Donovan, Supt. of Streets.

Street Department,

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Oct. 5, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

I deem it necessary, in transmitting this request for a loan for the separate system, to make a brief statement of the necessity for the loan at this time.

The construction of the South Metropolitan, otherwise known as the High Level Intercepting, sewer by the state fixes upon the city the necessity of making large and expensive changes in the sewer system of the territory tributary to this Metropolitan sewer for these reasons:—

First. A number of branch intercepting sewers must be built from the main Metropolitan sewer to encircle the high level territory of the city, intercept the sewage, and convey the same to the Metropolitan sewer.

Second. The existing system of sewers within this territory, now built and operated upon the combined system, so-called, in which the sewer conveys both sewage and surface water must be converted into the separate system, so-called, in which the sewage and surface water are conveyed in separate conduits, because the Metropolitan sewer is designed to receive house sewage exclusively, and this department has been notified by the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board that no connections will be allowed with this sewer except from the house sewers of a separate system.

The conversion of these systems of sewers from the combined to the separate system consists in almost every case in the building of surface drains and conduits to take the surface water, leaving the sewers proper to convey house sewage only.

The building of these systems of surface drains involves a very large expense, which must be continued over a number of years in the immediate future. They must not

only take the surface water, which is now carried in the sewers, but must be designed on a scale sufficiently large to meet the future requirements of the district. In this district development is rapidly going on. The low-lying spots, swamp lands, are being drained or filled in to fit them for residential purposes. In either case, the operation results in discharging quickly into the sewers or surface drains accumulations of surface water which formerly lodged there and were not discharged, perhaps, for weeks. The laying out and building of new streets and thousands of dwellings increases the proportion of impervious surface in the drainage areas, and therefore quickens the flood discharge.

In many cases, owing to the distress caused by floodings in particular localities, the department has built portions of these surface drains without having improved the natural channel all the way down to its outlet at tide-water. This course exposes the city to a suit for damages from anyone injured by the increased flow in the lower part of the channel, and makes it imperative that the large channel should be begun at the outlet and carried up through to the residential districts.

There is another phase of the question, namely, the financial aspect of it. The assessments which will be levied upon the city for its share of the maintenance, interest and sinking fund expenses on the South Metropolitan system alone will be very close to \$120,000 per year, and will increase from year to year. Unless this work of separating the system by the building of surface drains and the withdrawal of surface water from the sewers is promptly accomplished, the city will be obliged to pay these assessments for practically no service, continuing meanwhile to pump the sewage from these districts at our Main Drainage Station. One season's work has already been done on the building of the above-mentioned intercepting sewers on the separation of the sewer systems, and this department desires to continue the work already begun. Another season will complete the work in the Talbot-Ave. district, and relieve the city of the liability of having to pay large sums in damages caused by flooding.

I think you will see from the foregoing statement the urgent necessity of prosecuting this work during the immediate future to the utmost extent which the financial condition of the city will allow.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,

Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 10, 1904.

Ordered, That, in accordance with Chap. 383 of the Act of 1903, the Superintendent of Streets construct, in connection with the Metropolitan Sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers or drains, in any street where one thereof shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expenses therefor in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00); and to meet said expenses the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the city to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

Communication and order referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RELEASE OF EASEMENT FOR SEWER PURPOSES.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Oct. 10, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I enclose a communication from the Superintendent of Streets certifying that the city no longer requires the right, which it took in 1895, to construct a sewer in cer-



tain land on Landseer St., and suggesting that the right be abandoned.

The city does not intend to exercise its right to lay a sewer in this land, and has paid nothing for the right to do so; and I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying preambles and order abandoning the easement.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Street Department, City Hall,
Boston, Mass., Oct. 4, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

In accordance with Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, I respectfully inclose herewith notice to the City Council that the land and easement now in my charge, taken from Juliette T. Lord, is in my opinion no longer required for public purposes. No money has been paid by the city on account of this taking.

Respectfully,
James Donovan, Supt. of Streets.
Street Department, City Hall,
Boston, Mass., Oct. 4, 1904.

To the City Council:—

The Superintendent of Streets, now having charge of certain land taken from Juliette T. Lord by an order of the Board of Aldermen, passed October 28, 1895, and approved by the Mayor, October 29, 1895, being a parcel of land adjoining Landseer St. and containing 150 square feet, more or less, hereby informs the City Council that in his opinion the easement taken in said land of said Juliette T. Lord, as described in said taking, is no longer required for public purposes.

Respectfully,
James Donovan, Supt. of Streets.
City of Boston.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 10, 1904.

Whereas, This Board, by an order passed October 28, 1895, for the purpose of constructing a surface sewer, took the right to maintain said sewer in certain land then belonging to Juliette T. Lord, but now supposed to belong to Nathaniel W. Bowles, and particularly described in said order; and

Whereas the Superintendent of Streets of said city, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right of easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes;

It is hereby ordered, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right or easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration.

Referred, on motion of Ald. Quigley, to Committee on Public Improvements.

JURORS DRAWN.

Four grand jurors were drawn for the United States Circuit Court, October term, to appear Oct. 18, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:—

Arthur H. Young, Wd. 13; William McNamara, Wd. 8; Joseph A. Fratus, Wd. 22; Charles S. Bryer, Wd. 24.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:—

1. Six poles on Clarkson St., near Quincy St., Wd. 20.

John T. Mahoney, 35 Hartford St., for Neil McNeil, Dennis J. Casey, 346 Geneva ave., for himself and wife, Thomas F. Eustace, 49 Clarkson St., for himself and wife, Sarah E. Daily, 37 Clarkson St., Mrs. Carrie A. Keith, 28 Clarkson St., Mrs. John A. DeSorgher, 27-29 Clarkson St., James B. Doolcy, 71 Clarkson St. and William G. Babcock, Jr., 75 Clarkson St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

A written remonstrance was also received from John A. DeSorgher and other

property owners on the street against the erection of the poles.

Referred, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Six poles on West Selden St., near Crossman St., Wd. 24.

Hannah McCoy, 229 West Selden St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles.

Referred, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

3. Six poles on South St., near Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:—

4. Four poles on Alban St., between No. 46 on said street and Ashmont St., Wd. 24.

Harrison H. Atwood, 61 Alban St., Frank Wood, 34 Alban St., D. F. Hartford, 52 Alban St., and Thomas A. Dalton, 35 Alban St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the poles.

Referred, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. One pole on Ashmont St., between Dorchester Ave. and Alban St., Wd. 24.

Charles F. Kittredge appeared and objected to the erection of the pole.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. On petition of the Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect four lamp-posts and one test-post for use of the fire-alarm branch, viz.:—

One at corner of Washington and Dale Sts., Wd. 21; one on Washington St., opposite Dimock St., Wd. 21; one at corner of Washington and Burnett Sts., Wd. 23; one at corner of Washington and Green Sts., Wd. 23; and one (test-post) at corner of Washington St. and Glen Road, Wd. 22.

Thomas F. Meehan, 345 Tremont Building, for Patrick Meehan, objected to the erection of the pole at the corner of Washington and Green Sts.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BROMEERG, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing on so much of the matter as relates to the objection.

7. On petition of Maritime Stores Company for leave to store and keep for sale oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 38 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, as there is a failure on the part of the person or persons presenting this petition to state the amounts, I move reference of the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

8. On petition of George W. MacBride, for leave to project a permanent iron awning at 15 Deck Sq., Wd. 6.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were received, and were referred to the Committees named:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

George N. Saxe, an unlettered lamp, at 288 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Paglia, two barber poles, at 218 Washington St., Wd. 6.

J. M. Nevelow, an illuminated sign, at 9 School St., Wd. 6.

Saverio Cefallo, a sign, at 74 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Asher Miller, an illuminated sign, at 28 Hanover St., Wd. 6.
 Alessandro Leone, a sign, at 19 Clark St., Wd. 6.

Nicholas Plakias, an illuminated sign, at 5 State St., Wd. 6.
 C. L. Yorke, an illuminated sign, over Ordway Pl., from building 347 Washington St.

P. C. Klein, a sign, at 187 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Henry King Co., two unlettered lamps, at 327-329 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. L. Young, an unlettered lamp, at 732 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Holland Bros. (two petitions), electric signs, at 35 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

The Cummings Co., an electric sign, at 406 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Adolf Perlmutter, two signs, at 48 Poplar St., Wd. 8.

Samuel Rosenthal, a sign, at 131 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Wolf Levi, a pole on which to hang clothing, at 142 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

H. Swartz, one sign, at 82 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Daniel A. Whelton, a political transparency, at 2A Lowell St., Wd. 8.

A. J. Sheafe, an illuminated sign, at 125 Chandler St., Wd. 10.

John A. Sullivan, a political transparency, at 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Frank H. Rogers, an unlettered lamp, at 178 Eliot St., Wd. 11.

Dowling Bros., an unlettered lamp, at 200 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Joseph Keyes, a sign, at 937 Albany St., Wd. 17.

Dr. J. W. Cail, an unlettered lamp, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

William J. Gay, a sign, at 350 Warren St., Wd. 21.

C. W. H. Sanborn, illuminated sign, at 122 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Phillip J. McGonagle, a political transparency, at 2½ Charter St., Wd. 6.

Dr. J. W. Cail, a sign, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

T. D. Whitney Co., a spinning wheel sign, at 21-25 West St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Board of Police, for payment to James J. Gallagher of sums paid by him in satisfaction of a judgment against him for his doings as a police officer.

Kate J. Hart, for compensation for damages to estate 306 Bolton St., caused by the stoppage and overflowing of sewer.

Joseph Hoffman, for compensation for injuries caused by his being run over by a fire engine.

Edward P. Merrigan, for compensation for injuries to his son Charles by his falling through a defective catch basin cover at the corner of Webster and Orleans Sts.

Rebecca Brown, for compensation for damage to personal property at 83 Brighton St., caused by overflow of sewage.

Jacob Rosenberg, for compensation for damage to personal property at 90 Brighton St. and 207 Chambers St. by the overflow of sewage.

Hyman and Lizzie Weinberg, to be paid for damage to their property at 93 Brighton St. by the overflow of a sewer.

Mrs. Fannie Wood, to be paid for damage to property 252 Chambers St., by overflow of a sewer.

William A. O'Neil, for compensation for damage to coupe by an accident at the East Boston ferries.

A. S. Eaton, for compensation for personal injuries caused by the car on which he was motorman being struck by a wagon of the bridge division.

Mattie S. and Freeman S. Wight, for compensation for personal injuries, caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth Ave., Brighton.

Julia Mahoney, for compensation for personal injuries, caused by an alleged defect in the sidewalk at 1835 Washington St.

Electric Wires.

James E. Gallagher, for the relocation of a pole of the Western Union Telegraph Company in front of 96 Franklin St., Brighton.

West End Street Railway Company, for leave to attach wires to one pole of the Edison Illuminating Co. of Boston on Southampton St., near Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:-

For leave to erect one pole on Church St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect two poles on Roys St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect five poles on Tappan St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on March Ave., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on Creighton St., between Centre St. and Priesing terrace, Wd. 22.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for the right to transfer from the first named company to the second named company one pole on Prentiss St. and one on Columbus Ave.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:-

For leave to erect four poles on Shafter St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Vinson St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect five poles in Chamberlain St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole on Norfolk St., near Capen St., Wd. 24.

Licenses.

Moses Penn, for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for two weeks beginning Sept. 30, 1904.

L. H. Mudgett, for license for an automobile exhibition at Symphony Hall, for one week beginning March 14, 1905.

Bakers' Unions Nos. 4 and 53, Sunday concert, evening of Nov. 6, 1904, at the Columbia Theatre.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending August 1, 1905, viz.:-

Alfred E. Wellington, at Music Hall, Masonic Building, Meridian St.

Joseph J. Motekines, at Broadway Extension Hall, 166 Broadway extension.

W. F. Fallon, at Jamaica Hall, Centre St., cor. Burroughs St., J. P.

Samuel Sidman, at Central Hall, 46 Stillman st.

Jamaica Plain Social and Athletic Club, at Union Hall, 180 Green St., J. P.

Suffolk Free Dispensary (for Sunday concerts) at the Bowdoin Sq. Theatre.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:-

Suffolk County Democratic Committee, on the evening of Oct. 12.

International Peace Congress, on the evening of Oct. 5.

People's Party, on the evening of Oct. 25.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

A. E. McCullough, for the trimming of a tree at 696 E. Fifth St., So. Boston.

Police (Ald.).

Mrs. T. Flynn, for compensation for loss of fowls killed by dogs.

Public Improvements.

F. L. Whitcomb, for leave to erect two guy posts in Beacon St., Wd. 11.

W. N. Pike & Sons, for leave to erect a guy post in Albany St., Wd. 17.

Patrick J. Ducey, for leave to construct a bulkhead at 4 Southampton St., Wd. 17.

Thomas Arthur, for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across sidewalk at 569 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Garland & Son, for leave to place an iron grating on the present opening in sidewalk

on the Euclid St. side of estate 663 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Orne & Lawrence, for leave to erect two guy posts in Tebbetts Town Way, Wd. 4.
George R. Cavanagh, for leave to move a wooden building from 5 Kimball St. to 39 Kimball St., Wd. 20.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—
Harris Purwoy, cor. Cooper and Endicott Sts., Wd. 6.

George A. Fuller Co., 33-35 Congress St., Wd. 6.

W. N. Pike & Sons, E. Eighth and E. Seventh Sts., between N. and O.

Catherine T. Shevlin, 9 L St., and 599 E. First St., Wd. 14.

Cornelius J. Donovan, et als., Francis St., Wd. 19.

Harry E. Wright, 82-88 Magnolia St., Wd. 16.

Thomas Peters, 20-23 Dennis St., Wd. 17.

Robert G. Jones, 19-23 Adams St., Wd. 20.

J. S. Kidlon, 3^d Auckland St., Wd. 20.

William H. Naylor, 92 Auckland St., Wd. 20.

Charlotte A. Powell, 4-6 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20.

Mrs. Lulu D. Kelsay, 29 Alpine St., Wd. 21.

Louis Mazur, 178 Townsend St., Wd. 21.

Matthew S. Fenyus, et als., on Forbes St., Wd. 22.

W. I. Emerson, 36 Tappan St., Wd. 23.

The Perkins Institution and Mass. School for the Blind, at 377-379 Centre St., Wd. 22.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

On the following petitions, for leave to project bay windows, viz.:

David Mancovitz, 1, at 238 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Thomas and Ellen Joyce, 1 (and a cornice), at 1 Cordis St., to project over Warren St., Wd. 5.

Higgins & Scarr, 2, at 1091 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 2.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, October 24, 1904, at 3 P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

CANOPY ON FLEET ST.

On the petition of Benjamin Piscopo, for leave to project a canopy at 33 Fleet St., Wd. 6, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 24, at 3 P.M., when any persons desiring to object may appear and be heard.

PETROLEUM LICENSES.

Notice was received from the Fire Commissioner of his approval of the following petition:—

Standard Oil Co. of New York, for license to erect and use oil tanks and pump house at 250 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

B. E. Brewster, for license to store petroleum and its products in rear of 344 Talbot Ave., Wd. 20.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings on Monday, October 31, at 3 P.M., on the expediency of granting the above licenses, at which time any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

LYING-IN HOSPITALS.

Notices were received from the Board of Health of its approval of petitions for leave to maintain lying-in hospitals, viz.:

Mrs. Ida M. Rose (referred September 12), at 62 Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

Mary A. Malone (referred September 19), at 668 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WEST END LOCATIONS.

Notices were received from the West End Street Railway Company, (1) of its acceptance of its 238th location, granted by the Board on September 19, 1904, for a single curve track, corner Dorchester and

West Eighth Sts., South Boston; and (2) the acceptance by it of the order passed September 26, 1904, giving the said company permission to attach its wires to poles of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., on Summer-St. Extension.

Severally placed on file.

RAILROAD COMMISSION HEARING.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of a hearing before it on October 11, 1904, on petition of West End Street Railway Co. for approval of its 238th location, and of the permission granted it to attach wires to poles of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. on Summer-St. Extension.

Placed on file.

BULKHEAD IN RESERVED CHANNEL.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing before the said Board on October 5, 1904, on the petition of the Murray & Tregurtha Co., for license to build a bulkhead and launching ways, and to fill solid in the reserved channel in South Boston.

Placed on file.

PENSION OF POLICE SIGNAL MEN.

A communication was received from the Central Labor Union of Boston and vicinity, endorsing the order (pending before the Board), pensioning members of the Police Signal Service.

Placed on file.

ELECTION OF SUPERIOR COURT CLERK.

A precept was received from the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, requiring the Board of Aldermen to notify and summon the inhabitants of the city of Boston, qualified to vote for state offices, to give in their votes on Tuesday, November 8, 1904, for a Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business in the County of Suffolk, for the first Wednesday in January, 1907, to fill a vacancy in said office, caused by the death of Joseph A. Willard.

Placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board took up No. 9, unfinished business, viz.:

9. Action on the appointments of Edson J. Gould and Thomas F. Jenkins, to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Frothingham and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 9; yeas 9, and the appointments were confirmed.

Ald. CURLEY in the Chair.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw:

Adeline R. Chambers (referred February 29), for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Warren Street.

Thomas J. Scollans (referred September 26), for payment to Marie L. Scollans of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maywood Street (Lot 17).

Thomas J. Scollans (referred September 26), for payment to Marie L. Scollans of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maywood Street (Lot 16).

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Charles Henry Parker (referred August 8), for the payment to Samuel D. Parker of the balance from the tax sale of an estate—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Samuel D. Parker the sum of \$122.08, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section

40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 4 Elmore St., Wd. 21, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, fol. 633.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports that minors' licenses be granted to 21 newsboys and 3 vendors.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that amusement licenses be granted for the season ending August 1, 1905, as follows:—

L. Sidman (referred today), for Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman Street.

Jamalca Plain Social & Athletic Club (referred today), for Union Hall, 180 Green Street.

W. F. Fallon (referred today) for Jamalca Hall, Centre St., corner Burroughs St.

Alfred E. Wellington (referred today), for Music Hall, Masonic Building, Meridian St.

Suffolk Free Dispensary, A. C. Smith, President (referred today), for Sunday concerts at Bowdoin Sq. Theatre.

G. E. Lothrop (referred August 1), for Bowdoin Sq. Theatre.

Waldron & Dunn (referred August 1), for Palace Theatre, 109-111 Court St.

William McAvoy (referred August 1), for Howard Athenaeum.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Emergency Hospital (referred today), for concerts on Sunday evening, October 16, at the Globe Theatre and Grand Opera House—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Moses Penn (referred today), for a license for Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for two weeks, beginning September 30—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

SIDEWALKS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Lamartine St., between Hoffman and Wyman Sts., Wd. 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the easterly side of Neponset Ave., from the railroad crossing to the bridge, Wd. 24, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Frederick St., Wd. 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

The above three orders were severally passed.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Northampton St., between Tremont St. and Columbus Ave.,

Wd. 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Saratoga St., northwest side, between the Boston & Albany R.R. and Pope St., and along Pope St., north side, between Saratoga St. and No. 10 on said Pope St., Wd. 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

The above two orders were severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

COMPLETION OF BELGRADE AVE., ETC.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to complete the construction of Belgrade Ave. and Brandon St., Wd. 23, without further delay, in order that the highway may be ready for public use before the end of the year.

Passed.

REPAIRING OF SIDEWALK.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair sidewalk in front of No. 37 Danforth St., Wd. 22.

Passed.

MEETING HOUSE HILL NIGHT CARS.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested by this Board to provide street railway accommodations over Meeting House Hill, via Hancock and Bowdoin Sts. and Geneva Ave., during the night time, between the hours of one o'clock and five o'clock, A. M.

Passed.

EDGESTONE ASSESSMENTS, CORRECTED.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen approved September 17, 1902, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$35.00 against the estate of Edward L. Franklin, et als., No. 269 Millet St., Wd. 20, be and the same is hereby rescinded, to correct error in ownership. The said estate is hereby assessed as follows:—

No. 269 Millet St., Wd. 20, Edward L. Estabrook et als., Trustees, \$35.00.

Passed.

RESURFACING OF GENEVA AVE.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface the roadway on Geneva Ave., from Blue Hill Ave. to Columbia Road, Wd. 20; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Passed.

GRADE OF FREDERICK ST. REVISED.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That the Board establish the revised grade of Frederick St., as shown by red lines on a plan and profile of said Frederick St., marked "City of Boston, Frederick St., South Boston, October 8, 1904, William Jackson, City Engineer."

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF LUCAS STREET.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to

repair the pavement on Lucas St., between Shawmut Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 9. Passed.

LICENSE RESCINDED.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered and ordered—That the vote of this Board of September 19, granting an amusement license to Clarence Cobb at Hollis Hall, 789 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1905, be and is hereby rescinded, said Cobb having vacated said hall prior to the passage of said vote.

Passed.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on days of the coming State and City elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Incidental Expenses.

Passed. Sent down.

POLES IN CHARLESTOWN.

Ald. DOYLE called up past assignment, viz.:

10. Report of Committee on Public Improvements, Alderman Quigley dissenting, recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the time allowed the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company in which to relocate poles on certain streets in Charlestown, under the order passed by the Board of Aldermen, December 7, 1903, be, and the same is hereby, extended to December 31, 1904.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I hope that No. 10 will be assigned for another week, owing to the enforced absence of Ald. Slattery, who is one of the minority against this matter. I think it will do no harm to have the order remain on the calendar a week longer. The alderman cannot be here today as we know, owing to a sudden family bereavement. I move that this be laid over to the next meeting.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I might say for the benefit of the gentleman from Wd. 23 that I had a conversation with Ald. Slattery this afternoon, in which he told me that he could not be here, and was perfectly satisfied to have the matter acted upon. Inasmuch as it is very important that the order should go through at this time, if they are going to build that line before winter sets in, I trust that we will act upon it today.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope the Board will not take action upon the matter this afternoon. I accept Ald. Doyle's statement in good faith, but Ald. Slattery is recorded as being opposed to the location of these poles in Charlestown, and it seems to me only fair that he should be permitted to come here and record his vote against it. I want the members of the Board to consider one thing before they dispose of this matter, that it is the unanimous vote of the Committee on Electric Wires that these poles should not be located in Charlestown. It is not fair to the people of Jamaica Plain or any other section of Boston, to have poles placed in its streets in any such manner. Main St. is one of the main arteries of Charlestown. Today Chelsea St. is burdened with immense pinetrees loaded down with wires, and now you want to fill up Main St. with the same kind of poles and innumerable wires. Charlestown is burdened enough, in my opinion, by the elevated railroad on Main St., without having to put up with the additional poles

asked for by this company. There is no other section of the city that would stand for such a thing. The Board of Aldermen in acting upon this matter have not been fair with the people of Charlestown, have not given the people an opportunity to come in here and record their objections; and it is not fair to them, it is not fair to any section of the city, to take summary action of this kind, allowing a company to put up 100 or 110 immense pine poles on a main artery of Charlestown. I hope the Board of Aldermen will not grant the request of this company to erect these poles on Main St.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say a word in remonstrance to this petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. Remonstrance after remonstrance has come from our district against this proposition. The petition comes in the name of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company. The Edison Electric Illuminating Company has no right to privileges in our section, and therefore the petition is presented in the name of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company. If this order passes the Board it will be against my remonstrance and against the remonstrance of the citizens of Charlestown. I hope the good judgment of the Board will prevail and that the order will not pass today.

The question came on assignment to the next meeting.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I want to say in explanation of my motion calling up No. 10 on the calendar that I supposed that arrangements had been made with the representative of the interests of the citizens of Charlestown of a satisfactory nature, by which, in view of the fact that the Wire Commissioner would undoubtedly place these wires underground in the immediate future, the citizens of Charlestown would be perfectly satisfied, through their representative, to permit these poles to be temporarily erected through Main St. Had I not been so advised I never would have stood on the floor this afternoon and made the motion I did. I desire to say now that I was wrongly advised and did not know until this moment that the representative of the Charlestown district was opposed to this. I was advised that he was perfectly satisfied, inasmuch as a satisfactory arrangement had been made between the electric light company and the Wire Commissioner by which these wires were to be placed underground in the immediate future.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will state for the information of the gentleman that, so far as I am concerned, he was not correctly informed. In talking with Charles R. Lawrence of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company, he stated to me that next year all wires on Main St. would be put underground. If, in the good judgment of this Board, they think that it is absolutely necessary for the City of Somerville to procure electric lights through the streets of Charlestown for seven or eight months, very well; but, as far as I am individually concerned, I will vote against it.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I simply want to say, in view of what Ald. Doyle has just said in explanation of his position, that I trust this matter will be laid over for one week. I see no reason why it should not be.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was declared lost. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to assign to the next meeting was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Whelton—5.
Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—7.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope, notwithstanding the statements that have been made here today,

that the Board of Aldermen will not grant the petition of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company for leave to place these 110 poles on Main St. There is not a member of this Board, if the same condition of affairs existed in his district, but would rise and make strenuous objections to granting the petition of this company or any other company. What have you to say to the people of Charlestown if you vote to give this company the right to locate poles there? What reason is there for this undue haste? It has slumbered since last December and was brought in here some three weeks ago. Why? What reasons are behind it? Who is sufficiently interested in this thing to put 110 poles on Main St., and then be willing to have them taken down in a few months? That is only a subterfuge. We all know from our own experience that wherever an electric company puts a pole it takes a statute law to get it down. Let them erect their poles on Main St. and Charlestown will have the spectacle of this hideous pine pole forest for years to come. It is all nonsense to say that they are going to be up only a few months. We all know different. Who are the people behind the order? I will submit to any member of this Board that if the same thing was to occur in Ald. Doyle's district, Ald. Bromberg's district, or any other alderman's district, people would have an opportunity to come in and object and you would give them a public hearing. Have you done that in this Charlestown matter? Of course you have not. Why not? Is it fair to the people of Charlestown? Last year the people of Charlestown had an opportunity to remonstrate. But this year the matter is taken up and an order presented without giving them an opportunity to come and register their objection. Why pass an order without giving them that opportunity? I say it is not fair to the people of Charlestown any more than to the people of any other section of the city. I hope the order will not pass.

Ald. BOWEN in the chair.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I must say that I am sincerely obliged to the gentleman from Wd. 8 for his able defence of the people of Charlestown in this matter, and I hope that the order will not pass here today. I have argued and have assigned all the reasons that could possibly be named before this Board why favorable action should not be taken upon this matter, and I earnestly hope the order will not pass here today.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I originally introduced this order, and I spoke at the first meeting where it was under consideration. I don't believe it is good policy for any branch of a City Government to interfere with the business interests of any concern that we have in our midst. I feel myself that we have almost too few concerns engaged either in the manufacturing or the mercantile line for us to hamper their business in any way; and when a concern like this shows a disposition not only to be fair, but to be more than fair, I believe it is but just and proper that the Board of Aldermen should assist it in carrying out its work and making its business a success. If the gentlemen who are opposed to this proposition believe in municipal ownership of electric lighting companies, in which I believe myself, why do they not introduce an order that the city may establish a municipal electric lighting plant of its own? They can do so. It merely requires acceptance two successive years by the City Council, and then the city can go into the business itself. But the proposition is right here, that the Wire Commissioner cannot, under the statute, place underground more than two miles of conduit in any one year. It has been arranged already to carry on the work until June, 1905, in the Washington St. section of the City of Boston; but the Wire Commissioner says that if the Board of Aldermen will request it, and it can be arranged with the electric lighting com-

pany, he is perfectly agreeable, after June, 1905, to have the work of placing these wires underground carried on in Charlestown. The company is willing to go further than that. It is willing to agree to place the Providence style of pole in the Charlestown district, if agreeable to the Board of Aldermen, a pole which, I understand, is not more than eight or ten inches in diameter. But I say that we have too few industries to interfere with their success. If the gentlemen really and truly believe what they say this afternoon, the proper course for them to pursue is to present an order for the municipality to take action which will result in its having its own electric lighting plant, instead of hampering a concern which is engaged in a legitimate business and should be assisted in it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to say to the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Mr. Whelton) that I did not leave my chair as presiding officer of this Board to speak in favor of the corporation that wants this order passed. It is evident that the corporation wants the order passed. We have had this petition in the past, an order concerning the matter has been presented to the Board of Aldermen, and it is fair to presume, that is at least prima facie evidence, that they want it passed. Now, if these gentlemen who are so solicitous about the affairs of Charlestown would, as the Alderman from Wd. 17 has suggested, take action that would result in doing away entirely with poles in the City of Boston, I would be the first man in this Board to say "Amen." But as the conditions exist in Boston today we are bound to have electric poles; we are bound to have poles to carry the wires of electric lighting companies. And, as we are found to have poles, we should be just as willing to have poles in Charlestown as in the South End, and just as willing to have them in the South End as in Charlestown. We should not be willing to attempt to foist on the citizens of any section of the city poles that are unnecessary and not intended for the public good. We should, in our desire to benefit the public and do our duty as we see it, try to distribute poles for the benefit of these corporations so that they will cause the least possible discomfort to the citizens of the city. But, in view of the fact that these corporations have rights in our streets, not given them by ourselves but by our predecessors, which can be taken away from them at any time if the people desire—as evinced by the argument of my friend from Wd. 17, by action of the Board of Aldermen or the City Council, who can pass a vote authorizing the city to manufacture its own light—the time will undoubtedly come when the electric lighting companies will not ask for any more poles. I believe, instead of arguing in this board against these poles, when the members know very well that the poles must be erected if the company is to distribute its power, members objecting to the poles should introduce orders to do away with electric lighting companies and have the city make its own electric light. I believe this company is perfectly justified in asking for this action and that the right to erect these poles on Main St., Charlestown, for the purpose of distributing power, should be granted to the company, so that they may be able to distribute sufficient power to light the streets of the city. For that reason I believe the order should pass. I don't know that it is necessary for any member to stand here and say that I do not represent any organized corporate influence in this board, because I think no member of the board believes that I do. I do not believe, on the other hand, that it necessary for me to say that I am the particular member of this board who has in charge the rights of the workmen of the city. I don't believe I am. But I do believe that I, in common with the other members of

the board, am sent here to look after the best interests and the rights of the people of this city. I believe those best interests demand that this petition should be granted, and I most sincerely hope that the order will pass.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I respect Ald. Doyle's position in this matter. I fully believe that in what he says and in the way he votes he is acting to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that he is acting honestly. But, Mr. Chairman, the spectacle of the Edison Company coming into this board with a petition for poles in Charlestown to help the poor laboring man reminds me of one of Oppen's pictures of the trusts. If ever there was a corporation in Massachusetts that trampled on the rights of the people, it is this same company. If my memory serves me right, it was not more than four or five years ago that the city of Boston wanted to carry an electric wire to the Old Court House from this building, and Mr. Wardwell, or some one of the lawyers of the Edison Company, stopped it. The city of Boston could not light its adjoining building. Why not? Because the company controlled the Massachusetts legislature—that is all. I maintain, and I submit to this Board for your honest consideration, that you have not treated the people of Charlestown fairly. On the calendar this afternoon you have advertised hearings on similar matters; and yet, notwithstanding the fact that this company wants to put 110 poles on Main Street, Charlestown, the people of Charlestown are not being given an opportunity to come in here and remonstrate. Why is this? Why don't you be fair? What is the need of this? You say they want to put in the poles before the snow falls. Yes, they would put them in June, I suppose, if they wanted to do so, and come in for the right to do it afterwards. Mr. Chairman, I move that this matter be referred to the Committee on Electric wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Electric wires with instructions to give a public hearing was declared lost. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. The motion was lost, yeas, 5; nays, 7.

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Whelton—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—7.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, it is rather amusing to hear some of the members of this honorable board state their solicitude for the welfare of the Edison and kindred trusts that we have about us here. I, perhaps, have made as many objections in this Board this year to electric light and telephone poles as any member of the Board. I have not objected a single time when my constituents were not here presenting proper objections. It is a notorious fact that time and again these companies, when they can take one street or a second street, insist on taking three or four parallel streets. The service could be done satisfactorily if they took a single street. But, not satisfied with that, they seek to come into a district and preempt every street in it. I don't know what their purpose is, but it is possible that they have in mind the suggestion of the alderman on my right, who said that the city of Boston can do its own electric lighting and telephone business, if it sees fit. When the time comes that the city of Boston shall demand that right, and it will come shortly, we will find the Edison Company and the telephone companies owning and occupying every street in the city of Boston that is worth anything; and when the city undertakes to take over those companies we will find, instead of paying 400 cents on the dollar, that the city of Boston

will be paying five for one. That has been the case in years past, and we are paving the way for the companies to do that sort of thing in action of this kind. I know something about the workings of these companies. They are not solicitous at all about the welfare of the people. They are not anxious to improve our city. I know a number of specific instances where they have gone on to streets where the abutters have spent hundreds of dollars in the way of trees, grass plots and granolithic sidewalks, to improve the street, and have torn them up. I submit that a man or a corporation doing that has not the interest of the city or of the community at heart. One of my principal objections to considering the matter this afternoon is that the Committee on Electric Wires have reported unanimously against the matter. I submit, gentlemen, that the committee on electric wires are better able than any other remaining members of this board to consider and decide as to the advisability of granting this. We know that in Charlestown at the present time the elevated railroad has a right of way over Main Street, blocking and obstructing the road. It is a dreadful hindrance to business, to the occupancy of the street. It decimates values and has been doing so right along; and yet, where the elevated railroad has been going up ten, fifteen, or twenty feet, it is now proposed to allow these huge poles to go up 25, 35 and 40 feet, interfering with what little sunshine there is now left to the abutters along the railroad on Main Street. I submit, if we want justice done to our own district when the time comes, let us be just to the Charlestown District. Let us be considerate in this matter. I believe that the prayer of Ald. Whelton that the matter go over and that a public hearing be given, is a just one, and that it should be heard by this board.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman from Dorchester, I desire to say that I am somewhat surprised that he, as a member of the board, should talk in the strain in which he has talked with reference to the arguments before this board. I don't believe he, as a lawyer in this Commonwealth, believes that the electric light company, having obtained rights from the city of Boston for which it has never paid one dollar, can expect to receive in the event of the municipal ownership of electric lighting facilities in this city a dollar in return for something for which it never gave a dollar to the city. I don't believe the alderman from Dorchester believes that proposition when he states it. I cannot make myself believe so. Let me say to the alderman from Dorchester that I was in the Board of Aldermen when this original petition came in here, and not one solitary citizen of Charlestown appeared before this board in objection to that petition—not a solitary resident of Charlestown. I want to say, further, that I have absolute faith in the Committee on Electric Wires. I would certainly be a peculiar presiding officer of a legislative body if I did not have faith in the committees for which I am somewhat responsible as presiding officer, appointing them. But I do desire to say this, that the gentleman from Dorchester has had the matter misrepresented to him when he says that it has not been before the Committee on Electric Wires, because it has. There has never been any objection from the citizens of Charlestown. The matter has come into the Board in its regular order, and this is an order for the extension of time for something which was unanimously reported by the Committee on Electric Wires of the City Government. I think his argument is entirely out of place, although I think it is well intended. So far from standing up here and defending the electric light company, I don't think there is a man in the Board who believes

it is necessary for me to defend the electric light company, because I am one of those people who believe that the electric light company is not in business for its complexion. I believe it is in business to make money, and not to hand out electric lights to the people of this city free; that it is trying to do its business at the lowest possible figure and to get the greatest possible return from it. I am a member of the party which has, in its state and national platform, declared for municipal ownership of public utilities, and I am in favor today, always have been and I hope always will be, until success is attained, of a party that will ever have in mind the municipal ownership of public utilities. If the gentlemen want to do away with poles in the streets, with the discomfort of having poles in front of their houses and their neighbors' houses, I believe they should go to the legislature for authority for the city of Boston or the Wire Commissioner to place more of these wires underground than there is authority to place underground at the present time. I am satisfied that the citizens of Boston do not want electric light poles in front of their houses. I am not in favor of them in front of my house or any other man's house. But under the law what can we do? The Wire Commissioner tells us in his official report that these will be the first wires, probably, to be placed underground next year. We can do nothing but believe it. I believe the Wire Commissioner is honest when he says so, that his report is an honest report, and that these wires next year will be the first ones put underground. Having that belief, I think the citizens of Charlestown should be willing to put up with some inconvenience for a short time, in order to accomplish the greatest amount of good for the largest number, which I think will at this time be secured by the granting of this petition.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman who last spoke, I wish to say that there was a solitary objector from Charlestown, and I objected. I object now, and if it is any more inconvenient to the electric light company than to the citizens of Charlestown to have this denied, I guess the electric light company can stand the inconvenience as well as the citizens of Charlestown. In the first place, the matter does not interest the citizens of Charlestown. The purpose for which the poles are erected is to carry light and power to the city of Somerville. The Edison Electric Light and Illuminating Company have not the power to do that. They have not the power to erect a pole in the Charlestown district, under the statute, have no right in the premises. They have to apply in the name of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company, and that is the way their petition appears before this Board. They ask for the privilege of erecting poles to give the Edison Electric Light Company an opportunity to carry power through the streets of Charlestown. As I have often said before in this chamber, the streets of our city are for the public. They are not altogether for public service corporations; and I am sure that if any man in this Board of Aldermen will visit Charlestown, going to the corner of City Sq. and Main St., he will have an object lesson in the way public service corporations take up room in our streets—more so than in any other street in the city of Boston. I have protested and protested here against these poles going up. When the thing started, I may possibly have voted to allow the poles, and don't say that I did not; but when I saw the style of pole that was going up I objected, and so would any member of this Board object if the same thing was proposed in his district. The gentleman from Wd. 17 (Ald. Curley) states that the electric light company will put up the Providence poles. I don't know that there would be the same objection to the putting up of the Providence style of pole in our district; but I will tell every man

in this Board and every citizen of Boston that it is a shame to see the style of poles they put up in our district and the way they monopolize our streets.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, it is rather amusing to sit here and listen to the gentlemen make the statement that he objected to this particular order when it appeared in the Board of Aldermen last year, in view of the fact that it is customary for the Messenger Department to keep a record of objections that are raised and statements made in reference to any particular order. On Page 482 of the minutes of the Board of Aldermen of 1903 there is a petition of the "Charlestown Gas & Electric Company for leave to remove 19 poles and to erect 42 poles on Main and other streets in Charlestown." On page 513, among possibly thirty other orders, this particular order was reported by the Committee on Electric Wires through its chairman, as follows:—

"Report on the petition of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company (referred November 9) for leave to relocate poles—recommending the passage of the following:

"Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by H. F. Leavitt; said poles to be located as follows:—

Main St., 33 poles; City Sq., 2 poles; Warren Ave., 1 pole; Water St., 1 pole; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 67 ft. x 25 in.; width of sidewalk 9 ft.; date of plan, Oct. 29, 1903.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to remove from Main St., 17 poles; from City Sq., 1 pole; from Warren Ave., 1 pole; and from Water St., 1 pole; said poles being shown by black squares on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order."

The report was accepted and the order passed, without any objection on the part of anybody, according to the records of last year, Mr. Chairman. Now, this order simply asks for an extension of time on the part of the Charlestown Gas & Electric Company. They do not ask to be allowed the privilege of going right out and setting these poles up now. They ask to be allowed an extension of time in which to relocate those poles in the Charlestown District; and, in view of the report of the Superintendent of the Wire Department, which is quite an interesting document and which I don't think has been read by my friend on the left as yet, I don't see how any man can consistently vote against this proposition. The report reads as follows:

"The laying out of the prescribed two miles of streets, under Chapter 249, Acts of 1898, in which the overhead wires shall be placed underground, is a matter of importance not only to the companies interested but to the public as well. Careful consideration was given to the matter of electing for the underground district for 1903 one that would relieve the streets of a large number of poles and overhead wires, and at the same time take into consideration not only the present but future needs for underground construction.

The following are the prescribed streets, namely:

The portion of Broadway, from the easterly side of Dorchester Ave. to the easterly side of Dorchester St., a distance of

4080 feet; Dorchester St., from the south side of Broadway to Andrews St., a distance of 3640 feet; Dudley St., from the west side of Washington St. to the western side of Hampden St., a distance of 2960 feet; a total distance of 10,680 feet, exceeding the amount (two miles) prescribed in chapter 249, Acts of 1898, by one hundred and twenty feet."

In other words the Fire Department during the years 1902-03, in addition to placing underground the two miles of wire allowed by law, exceeded that amount by 120 feet.

"In the report will be found a map showing the streets prescribed, number of poles and wires to be removed, and ownership of same. The fact that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company is about to enlarge their plant at City Point, South Boston, preparatory to furnishing, in addition to increased service in city, current for districts and towns outside of the city limits, companies supplying which have been recently absorbed by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, was given due weight in deciding this matter. Broadway, the main street in the district, will be relieved of overhead wires and objectionable poles, and is the natural artery through to Washington St., city proper. Dorchester St., from its topographical location, is the natural outlet or channel for distribution feeders, etc., running south from the station, and its selection not only causes the removal of many poles and wires, but prohibits the addition of others thereto."

That is to say, after the poles and wires are removed, under that section of the statute, it prohibits the relocation of poles on those particular streets.

"The selection of Dudley St. was with the view of extending existing underground system. The work of the department has increased during the past year, showing that the public are increasing the use of electricity for light, heat, power, and other purposes."

That is the report for 1902-3. The report for 1904-05 speaks of the further continuation of this very necessary work:—

"Sir,—In compliance with chapter 3, section 24, Revised Ordinances of 1898 I herewith submit the annual report of the Wire Department, showing the appropriation, expenditure, and work performed, from February 1, 1903, to February 1, 1904.

"During the year a revised edition of the Rules and Requirements of this department has been published, bringing same to the most advanced ideas for the safe installation of electrical wiring and appliances.

"The enforcement of the law relating to the use of guy wires in and over the streets has been a protection to all and a hardship to none, and with increased building construction this enforcement will prove to be an important act on the part of this department.

"The underground work prescribed for the year 1903 has progressed favorably, considering the severity of the season. Most of the poles and wires have been removed, and those remaining will disappear at an early date.

"In selecting a prescribed street it was thought well to take one of the main thoroughfares, and, taking into consideration the conditions existing on Washington St., there being a line of poles on each side, a large number of wires in and over same, and a portion being occupied by the structure of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, this street, from Dudley to Keyes St., has been prescribed for the year 1904.

"Although we have had one of the severest winters for years, and several severe storms, the companies operating lines in this city have experienced very little inconvenience or interruption to their service from this cause, this being largely due to improved methods of construction."

Now, then, the proposition is right here. If the Wire Department is only allowed to lay out two miles of street upon which to place wires underground in conduits, and if the head of the Wire Department says that, if it is agreeable and the Edison Electric Light Company insists upon it, they shall proceed and do the work during 1905 in the Charlestown District. I don't believe it is fair for us to hamper this concern in the operation of its business. The order simply asks for an extension of time, nothing more. I believe it is the duty of the Board to grant that extension of time, in view of the fact that the only objection to the poles in Charlestown is the fact that they take up some portion of the street. If the Wire Commissioner and the representatives of the company are willing that the wires shall be placed underground in conduits next year, and there is no other objection, I see no reason why this order to extend the time should not be granted.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, one fact, and one fact alone, it seems to me, should be sufficient for the members of this Board to decide to postpone action upon this matter for another week, or until the next meeting. That fact is that the Chairman of the Committee on Wires is obliged to be absent today. Owing to a bereavement in his family Ald. Slattery cannot be here at this meeting, and he is chairman of the Committee on Wires.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield to a question of information?

Ald. BROMBERG—I will, Mr. Chairman.

Ald. CURLEY—For the benefit of the gentleman I desire to say that a reference to the records of 1903 shows that then Ald. Slattery was chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, and he then presented the original report in favor of granting this petition.

Ald. BROMBERG—Allowing that to be the fact, the developments since the time that the petition was first introduced here have been such that it has become absolutely essential for the Chairman of the Committee on Wires, in his opinion, to protest against this matter, as he did by his vote when the matter came up earlier—owing, probably, to the fact that the people of Charlestown do not want those poles there. The people of Charlestown, through their Improvement Association and other channels, looking to the benefit of Charlestown have come to the Board and have told individual members that they do not want the poles erected on Main St., in Charlestown. That alone is a reply to the gentleman from Wd. 17 (Ald. Curley). But the fact remains that the chairman of this committee, which unanimously brought in a report against this proposition, is absent today; and I think, as a matter of courtesy to him, we ought to lay this matter over for another week at least. In fact, I will go so far as to say that, in my two years' membership in this Board, this is the first time I have ever seen such a discourteous act toward a brother member of the Board as is taking place here today. In my judgment, the Board of Aldermen today, in disregarding utterly the absence of Ald. Slattery upon a question in which the Board knows he is vitally interested, not only as a member of the Board but as chairman of the Committee on Wires, is doing something it has not done before. I earnestly trust that the gentlemen of the Board will reconsider their position upon this matter and at least postpone action for one week, and I ask for a continuance of the matter. Having before made a motion that it be assigned for one week, and the Board not being favorable to that action, I would now move that this matter be laid over for two weeks.

Ald. Bromberg's motion to postpone action upon the matter for two weeks, was

declared lost. Ald. Bromberg doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost—yeas 5, nays 7:—

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Whelton—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—7.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to correct some misapprehensions of the chairman of the Board of Aldermen. First, I want to say that I did not intend to say, and I do not believe that I said, a single word from which any inference could be drawn that he was the agent or employee of, or had the special interests of, the electric light companies at heart. Second, I want to say that he was in error in regard to the reference to the Committee on Electric Wires. What I said was that that committee reported against it—not that it had been referred to the committee.

In regard to the third point, which he seems to have some doubt about, and in regard to which he seems to question my sincerity, I do believe, and I say it now deliberately, that the franchises or rights given to any quasi-public corporation will have to be paid for by the City of Boston when it undertakes to take over the electric light or railroad or other corporations.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope the Board will reconsider its action and will allow this matter to go over to some future date, so that a hearing can be had, either by the Committee on Electric Wires or by the entire Board. I do not believe that there ever was in the history of the Board of Aldermen a more discourteous act done to any section of the city than is being done today to the people of Charlestown. Not a single argument has been advanced to show the members of this Board why the people of Charlestown should not be given an opportunity to register their protest against the granting of this request of the company now before us. It has been said here that there was no objection registered last year. If I am informed correctly, the law has been changed since last year. It is true that a notice appeared on the calendar last year, but I do not believe that the abutters were notified. Conditions this year are different; and you can notice the difference in the number of objectors who come here every Monday to register their protest against the erection of poles. Now, as Ald. Quigley has said, they have the elevated railroad on Main St., and have a forest of poles on Chelsea St., and you propose to increase the burden on Charlestown by putting up one hundred or more poles on Main St. Do you want to drive every man and woman who owns real estate in Charlestown out of business? Do you want to make it impossible for people to live there? Do you intend to put every possible inconvenience in their way, so that they may go elsewhere? I submit that it is not fair to the people of Charlestown, and that it is decidedly unfair to the real estate owners in that section of the city. What reason have you to advance why the people of Charlestown should not be given an opportunity to come here and register their objections? Why should that company come in in the fall of the year and ask for an extension of time for a location that they got the year before? I submit, Mr. Chairman, that it is the most unfair thing that has ever happened in this Board of Aldermen, and I am surprised that a majority of this Board should, by their votes, grant an extension of time for the location of poles to a company which cares nothing about the interests of the people. I am still more surprised at the action of a majority of the Board in denying the people of Charlestown an opportunity to come in here and register their objections. I sincerely hope that the order will not pass, and, in the event of its passage, I sincerely hope that the Mayor will veto it.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I de-

sire to move to amend the order by adding at the end thereof the words: "On condition that said poles be removed and the wires placed underground within one year from the passage of this order."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment offered by Ald. Hennessey.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope the amendment will not prevail. I do not believe in giving them the right to enter Charlestown on Main St. for even ten minutes. It is not fair to the people of Charlestown. It is not right. If they want a trunk line through Charlestown, why do they not petition this Board to go through Rutherford Ave. I do not believe in giving them one single pole location on Main St. To do so simply means that these poles will stay there as long as they want them there. Once they secure the right to put those poles on Main St. in Charlestown, it will be many, many years before you get those poles out of the street.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, it is really amusing, and is ridiculous in the extreme, to hear the gentleman from Wd. 17, who runs an employment agency up there, and serves his people so well, standing up here for a public service corporation in the way that he does today, when that corporation would not at any time give one of his constituents a place in its employ. And now he proposes to have this corporation go through one of our principal public streets and put up the large number of poles that they propose to put up in this street in Charlestown. The idea is ridiculous in the extreme, and it is one of the most unfair actions I have ever known this Board to indulge in. The Alderman on my left says: "Things are lively here." I think it would be lively enough for him if this thing was about to occur in Wd. 12. If they were proposing to put 110 poles in a portion of his district, I think he would object as strenuously as I do today, and as strenuously as any of the other gentlemen who consider this matter fairly are objecting.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I had no intention to participate further in debate. I believe that the attitude of some of the gentlemen—and particularly the last gentleman who has spoken—might well be compared with what John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader, said about the Republican policy. They are "Standing Pat" on a "Four-flush" in the great American game of politics. It is a grandstand play. It is a grandstand play that probably will not injure them, and I am satisfied that it will not injure me, because it is my intention to introduce before the year is out an order for the municipal ownership of electric lighting plants. If the electric lighting companies are to be allowed to do business in Boston, I think it is too picayune and too small for any man to interfere in this way with the business of a concern which employs so many men—whether they are of my nationality or of some other nationality—as does this particular corporation. If you want to wipe it out, if you think that conditions as they exist are not fair and proper, why do not you have the manhood to introduce an order for municipal ownership? Why do you go about it in this—

Ald. QUIGLEY—Will the gentleman allow me the privilege of making one statement?

Ald. CURLEY—Most assuredly.

Ald. QUIGLEY—I will introduce such an order at the next meeting.

Ald. CURLEY—Well, I presume it is better late than never—even though it is three years late. If that order, Mr. Chairman, had been introduced when the Alderman from Charlestown first came to this Board, it is barely possible that it might be in operation now—because the law only requires its passage for two successive years. I am willing, Mr. Chairman, to face the people of Charlestown on this issue. I do not believe that there is a business

man in Charlestown, whether he be engaged in the grocery business, the produce business, the real estate business, or any other business, who would care to have his business affairs, his internal affairs, interfered with by this Board of Aldermen. I believe it is too playtime and too small for us to attempt to hold up a matter like this, simply for the sake of making a grandstand play with the hope of getting a few more votes in Charlestown in the fall, as the gentlemen evidently have done this afternoon, because all they have presented here for our consideration are four-flush arguments, with nothing back of them. I am satisfied to let the case rest with the people. It is not a new location, but simply an extension of time. I believe the order ought to pass. I believe, too, that there are conditions surrounding the Edison Electric Illuminating Company's business that we, as members of the Board of Aldermen, having the welfare of the laboring people at heart should endeavor to wipe out. One of those things is their contract system, whereby they employ, as they did last year, Italians imported from Pennsylvania to dig up the streets of our city, at a dollar and thirty-five cents a day. Did these gentlemen who have the welfare of the laboring man at heart, and who rise up here today in his behalf, make any objection to the G. M. Gest Company, of Philadelphia, digging up the streets of Boston? Did they come in here and clamor at that time for the rights of the laboring man, when this corporation, because naturalized voters refused to work for a dollar and a half a day, entered into a contract with G. M. Gest, of Philadelphia, to do the laboring work required by that corporation at a dollar and thirty-five cents a day? Why is it that we have this clamor now for the laboring man's interests? It is because around election time, and because they want to make a grand, big, four-flush, grandstand play. I am willing to meet the people on the issues, and on the issues only, and be judged by them.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I believe that we have all the light that we can possibly get on this question, and I therefore move the previous question.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I want to say a word to the gentleman from Wd. 17. He has been long enough here in the Board this year to make a protest, if he choose to do so, against the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, which he says hires men for a dollar and thirty-five cents a day. He has been here long enough to object to what they do, rather than to stand up here in their defense and advocate their being allowed to go through the streets of Charlestown. The gentleman refers to what might have been done by the Board of last year and the year before.

Ald. CURLEY—Will the gentleman yield for a moment?

Ald. QUIGLEY—I have the floor, Mr. Chairman, and will not yield at the present time. This gentleman, Mr. Chairman, refers to the members of this Board of Aldermen who do not want these poles to go through the streets of Charlestown as "four flushers," and says that those members are asking the people of Charlestown to vote for their re-election. Mr. Chairman, I will say to that gentleman that I am not a candidate for re-election, and therefore I am not "four flushing." I don't know whether he is or not. Perhaps he may be. I, Mr. Chairman, am here in defense of what I think is a right of the people of Charlestown. It is their right and privilege to have their streets for themselves.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope that Ald. Kneeland will withdraw his motion for the previous question.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that there is no previous question.

Ald. Hennessey's amendment was de-

clared adopted. Ald. Doyle doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, and the amendment was rejected—yeas 4, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Whelton—8.

The order was passed—yeas 7, nays 5:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—7.

Nays—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Whelton—5.

Ald. DOYLE moved to reconsider, hoping that the motion would not prevail.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope that reconsideration will prevail, and that this matter will be reconsidered. There is every reason why reconsideration should prevail, and every reason why this matter should be laid over. As I stated before, one member who is intensely interested in this matter is necessarily absent from this meeting, and I think it is the height of discourtesy to him, and shows that you have no confidence in the Committee of which he is Chairman to vote as this Board has done. I think that this matter should be reconsidered and should be laid over for one week. I therefore move to amend Ald. Doyle's motion by moving that consideration of the motion to reconsider be assigned for one week.

The question came on assignment for one week.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I yield to no man in this Board in my fealty to the various committees of this Board; but I say to you that when the gentleman from Wd. 23 moves to assign the motion to reconsider for one week, I believe he is asking for something which he certainly ought to know is, to say the least, unfair, because if any matter was ever discussed fully pro and con by this Board of Aldermen since I have been a member of the Board, it is this very matter of poles on Main St. I believe that his only object in moving to assign that motion is that he does not intend that the order shall pass, but that, as my friend Ald. Curley has already said, he is simply adding to the great amount of "Four flushing," and is making further endeavors to throw dust in the eyes of the members of this Board and of the public. I certainly hope that the motion to assign reconsideration will not prevail, and that reconsideration will be refused.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. President, it must be a dignified spectacle to the citizens of Boston to hear the members of the dignified Board of Aldermen indulging in such expressions as "Four flushing" and "Stand pat," and other gambling-house profanity and slang, in discussing serious problems of this kind which come before it. I want to assure the dignified Chairman of the Board of Aldermen that if he or anyone else thinks that I am "Four flushing"—whatever he may intend to mean by that expression—he is welcome to that opinion. But I do want to say to him that I am sincere in this matter; and I want to say to him very plainly that I do not believe he is treating the Chairman of his Committee on Electric Wires at all fairly in this matter. The Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, a Committee of the Board of Aldermen, has presented here a report asking that this matter be refused consideration at the hands of the Board of Aldermen. Nevertheless, in the absence of the Chairman of that Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen takes the floor on this matter and accuses every member of the Board of "four flushing," as he expresses it, who dares to stand up here and say that he differs from his opinion.

The CHAIR—The gentleman will please confine himself to the question before the

Board, and not reflect in any way upon any member of the Board.

Ald. DOYLE—Will the Alderman yield for a question?

Ald. BROMBERG—I will.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Alderman when the Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires presented the report in opposition to extending the time allowed the Company in which to erect these poles on Main St.?

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I understand that the Chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires did present a report here against the erection of these poles in Main St.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman for the day on which the chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires presented here a report adverse to the erection of poles on Main St.? If he knows the date, will he kindly tell the Board?

Ald. BROMBERG—I do not know the date.

Ald. DOYLE—Then the gentleman is not talking about facts, but simply hearsay, about which he knows nothing.

Ald. BROMBERG—Well, Mr. Chairman, three members of the Board, in addition to myself, have this afternoon made the statement that the Committee on Wires unanimously reported against this proposition.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIR—Ald. Bromberg has the floor.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, if the Alderman desires to interject anything at this point I am willing.

Ald. DOYLE—I simply arise to correct the gentleman. The matter has never been presented to the Committee on Electric Wires this year.

Ald. BROMBERG—That I am willing to admit. I supposed, as it was stated by Ald. Whelton, I believe, and by Ald. Hennessey, that the matter had been reported back here by the Committee on Electric Wires, unfavorably, that there had been an adverse report upon it. It now develops that the Committee on Wires have not had this matter before them for consideration at all, which I think adds to the importance of having them consider it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I desire to correct the gentleman. I might inform the gentleman that when the motion was made to refer this matter to the Committee on Electric Wires the gentleman from Wd. 23 voted against the motion.

Ald. BROMBERG—I would like to ask the chairman of the Board of Aldermen when that took place?

Ald. DOYLE—Three weeks ago today, in the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BROMBERG—I must say to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen that that is absolutely not so. You will find that three weeks ago today I voted against this order, exactly as I am voting today, and I don't think it is fair for the chairman of the Board to come in and make the statement he is making here at all.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman—

The CHAIR—The Chair will state to members that they must confine themselves to the question before the Board.

Ald. BROMBERG—With all due deference to our chairman, I will not yield any more until I have concluded. I will simply say that if it is a fact that the matter has not been referred to the Committee on Wires, that they have never had the matter before them for consideration and have not reported upon it, then certainly there is all the more reason, all the reason in the world, why the matter should be referred to the Committee on Wires—the proper committee appointed by the Chairman himself for the consideration of just such matters as this. It certainly is a matter of great surprise to me as a mem-

ber of the Board that the matter was not so referred. I think it is the duty of the Chairman to see that such a matter is so referred; and I hope it will now be referred to the Committee on Electric Wires, the proper committee for the consideration of such a question, in order that they may bring in here a report pro or con upon such an important matter as the proposed placing of more than 100 poles on Main St., Charlestown. Therefore, I hope reconsideration will prevail and that the order will be assigned to the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, in explanation of my answer to the gentleman from Wd. 23 I might say that I am as familiar, in my judgment, with the rules of the Board of Aldermen as any member of this board, and I am not given to telling in open Board what transpired in committee. But, having been asked a direct question by the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Bromberg), I could do no less than give him a direct reply, which I did. I say that in reference to my explanation in open Board of what transpired in Committee.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, one word in reply. If for any reason I tried to bring the matter before the Board in open session it was because I supposed, as I did today, that the matter had been considered. But since I voted as I did at that time in the Committee on Public Improvements to bring the matter in here I have found arguments, plenty of them, against having these poles—particularly, as has been suggested here today, that the people of Charlestown don't want those poles. At the time I was told that the people of Charlestown did not object to them. Since then they have shown that they are against the poles. They have come and begged me to vote against the order. That is the explanation. I have told the gentleman, and he knows it. But the fact remains that there has been no argument presented by any gentleman in this Board who has tried to push the matter through today showing why it could not be laid over one week longer. That motion was, however, refused; and no proposition I have made for postponing action has met with the approval of this Board. I believe now reconsideration should be laid over for another week, in order that we may hear from Ald. Slattery, the Chairman of the Committee on Wires, who probably has as large a view of and as much information upon this question as any member of the Board.

Ald. DOYLE—Will the gentleman yield for a question?

Ald. BROMBERG—No, I will not. I have yielded enough to the Chairman of the Board. I hope the matter will be reconsidered, and I ask that reconsideration be over for one week, as a matter of fairness.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, in answer to the gentleman's last statement, in reference to the absent member of the Board, I believe he knows full well that during the debate here one afternoon upon the matter, notwithstanding the fact that Ald. Slattery was present he did not take part in the debate. I believe he is fully aware of the responsibility that rests upon him as chairman of the Committee on Electric Wires, and, although he was cognizant of the facts, he did not think them of sufficient importance for him to even take part in the debate.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope reconsideration will prevail. I am not going to lay any great stress on the absence of Ald. Slattery. Ald. Slattery's position is well understood. He is recorded in the minutes of the Board of Aldermen as being opposed to this. I am not going to quote him in his absence. I don't want to say anything more about it. But I will say this in regard to the opinion that has been formed by certain members of the Board in regard to this order being reported upon by the Committee on Electric

Wires, that that is not so. What I myself stated, or intended to state, at the outset, was that it was the unanimous vote of the members of the Committee on Electric Wires that this order should not pass. In addition to that, this order has not been considered by the present members of the Board of Aldermen on the Committee on Electric Wires. The order as it appears on the calendar, if I remember rightly, was introduced by the alderman from Roxbury (Ald. Curley). The Committee on Electric Wires have never had an opportunity to consider it; the people of Charlestown have never been given an opportunity to be heard upon it. It seems that a majority of the Board of Aldermen have spoken and that Charlestown is going to get this forest of poles. Instead of having it lie over a week, I should like to see the thing laid at rest forever. I sincerely hope, in the event of its passage today, that Mayor Collins will veto the order. I think it is the most unjust order, as affecting conditions in any particular section of the city of Boston, that was ever passed.

Reconsideration was declared lost. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Reconsideration was lost, yeas 5, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Whelton—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Curley, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole—7.

NOTICE OF STATE ELECTION.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the eighth day of November next, for the election of Electors of President and Vice-President, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney-General, Representatives in Congress, Councillors, District-Attorney, Clerk of the Superior Court for Civil Business (to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph A. Willard), Sheriff, Senators, and Representatives in the General Court.

The polls at said meetings will be opened at six o'clock A.M., and closed at four o'clock P.M.

Passed.

IMPROVEMENT OF HAMPDEN ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to have Hampden St. repaved; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Improvements.

Passed.

COTTAGE TERRACE, WD. 17.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Cottage Terrace, Wd. 17.

Passed. Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 42 Woodward Ave., Wd. 17; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing on Warren St., Charlestown, in front of estate No. 1 Cordis St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

CATCH BASINS, WD. 17.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to locate catch-basins on Langdon and Shirley Sts., Wd. 17.

Passed.

PENSIONING POLICE SIGNAL MEN.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That Chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of Its Police Signal Service," be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of the city of Boston.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask for information—has not that order been before the City Government before?

The CHAIR—The Chair will state that it is just the same order that was vetoed by His Honor the Mayor two weeks ago.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Was not the veto of the Mayor sustained by the Board of Aldermen?

The CHAIR—The Chair would state that this is the same order, in the opinion of the Chair.

Ald. CURLEY—If the gentleman will yield, for the information of the gentleman I will say that the Board voted to rescind its former action and failed to act further at that meeting. While by some authorities it might be considered perfectly legal and proper to act on the question that had been under consideration after a motion to rescind the action we did take, still the question would naturally arise as to the legality of the city paying out money without some further action. In other words, the Supreme Court might step in, at the request of any number of citizens or of the Mayor, and protest against the payment of this insurance money to any man in the employ of the police signal service who would come under the provisions of this act, if it was passed by this Board at this meeting or at some future meeting, because of failure on the part of the Board to take action at the meeting when the rescission was made. So, acting on legal advice, it has been deemed advisable to present the order again in its original form, as the particular section of the statute under which the order is offered says: "When accepted by the City Council this act shall become operative." Under that section of the statute this order can be presented either at this meeting or at any other meeting during this year, next year or the succeeding year. As to the necessity for the passage of the order, I will say for the benefit of the gentleman that the principal contention of those who were opposed to this proposition at the last meeting of the Board, when action was taken on this particular measure, was that they felt it was just possible that the Mayor had not been sufficiently enlightened as to the necessity for granting this particular privilege, having it extended to the members of the police signal department. It seemed to be the universal opinion of those men who were opposed to the order that if the Mayor had had sufficient light at the meeting where he vetoed this particular measure he would have signed it. Under the circumstances and conditions I felt that the most advisable course to pursue, acting as well on legal advice, was to reintroduce the order in its original form. As to the benefit that will result to the men in the employ of the police signal service if this bill should pass, I will say that I believe the benefits of the pension system as it now applies in other branches of the police force should be extended to the police signal department—not only because the work is dangerous to limb, but to life as well. Out of some twenty-five men employed as linemen by the City of Boston during the last five years a large proportion have lost their lives as the re-

sult of coming in contact with electric wires. In addition, no member will come within the provisions of the act for twelve years, and most of them not until fifteen to twenty years. So, in order that we may see whether the Mayor has not had an opportunity to receive the additional light, I trust the order will pass.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, I doubt whether any additional information that can be given the Mayor as showing why this order should be passed would make him change his opinion very much. I think he looked into the matter very carefully before he sent in his veto message. The subject has been thoroughly discussed, and I simply ask for a roll-call on the passage of the order.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, with out discussing the merits of the question—which were discussed quite fully here when the matter was previously before the Board—I think the fact that there is a question of the legality of the order is admitted by the gentleman who presents it. In view of the facts, I move that the matter be assigned for one week.

Ald. CURLEY—Mr. Chairman, I see no reason for laying the matter over a week. I trust that the Board will take action today. The question of legality—

The CHAIR—The Chair will say that the question is not debatable.

Ald. Hennessey's motion to assign to the next meeting was lost.

The order was passed, yeas 9, nays 3. Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham and Hennessey voting nay.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing on Monday, Oct. 17, at three P.M., on the petition of the West End Street Railway (referred today) to attach wires to one pole of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston in Southampton St., near Dorchester Ave., Wd. 15.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, Oct. 24, at three P.M., on the following petitions (severally referred today):—

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, viz.:—

For leave to erect one pole on Church St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect two poles on Roys St., Wd. 22.

For leave to erect five poles on Tappan St., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on March Ave., Wd. 23.

For leave to erect one pole on Creighton St., between Centre St. and Priesing Terrace, Wd. 22.

Petitions of The N. E. Tel & Tel Co. of Mass., viz.:—

For leave to erect four poles on Shafter St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Vinson St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect five poles on Chamberlain St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

DEFECTIVE AREA COVERS, ETC.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That Annie L. Walsh, being the supposed owner of the estates numbered 103 and 105 Kneeland St., Wd. 7, be notified to repair the coverings to the coal hole opening and the bulkhead opening in and under the sidewalk in front of her said estates within ten days from the date hereof. Unless said coverings are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such openings are hereby revoked, under the provisions of Chapter 5

of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up said openings at the expense of the said owner.

Passed.

Ald. DOYLE also offered an order—That the following named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas or coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten days, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of Chapter five of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz.:—

Streets and names of supposed owners or agents.

85 Devonshire St., William Lawrence, trustee.

129 Devonshire St., Whittier Bros., owners.

145-147 Washington St., Wd. 6, Albert J. Lovett, agent.

199 Washington St., Wd. 6, J. Montgomery Sears, owner.

12 Water St., Wd. 6, William Lawrence, trustee.

22 Chapman Pl., John Mack, agent.

6 Bromfield St., Bangs & Wells, agents.

27 Brattle St., R. Marston & Co., owners.

4 Exchange Pl., Metropolitan Coal Co., owners.

20 Exchange Pl., C. E. Cotting, owner.

197 Congress St., Augustus P. Loring, agent.

Congress St., near State St., C. E. Cotting, owner.

Congress St., near No. 16, C. E. Cotting, owner.

16 Congress St., C. E. Cotting, owner.

67 Hancock St., Wd. 8, Arthur Binney, owner.

72 W. Cedar St., Wd. 11, Maria L. Wardwell, owner.

79 Phillips St., Wd. 11, Rachael Frankel, owner.

50 Green St., Wd. 8, Moorfield Storey, owner.

30 Lynde St., Wd. 8, Jacob S. Heller, owner.

35 Lynde St., Wd. 8, Eliza Carroll, owner.

25 Cambridge St., Wd. 8, John F. McNamee, owner.

22 Bowker St., C. H. White, owner.

19 Chambers St., Horace W. Baxter, Jr., agent.

15 Chambers St., Thomas W. Kelly, owner.

6 Eaton St., Michael A. Finnigan, owner.

30 Beacon St., Frank H. Beebe, owner.

30 W. Dedham St., James H. Smith, owner.

67 Pembroke St., Horace W. Baxter, owner.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

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GAS LAMP, WEST CONCORD STREET.

Ald. DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp in passageway at 69 West Concord St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

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COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' PARADE.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except fire, police, hospital and mail wagons, the following named streets on Saturday, October 15, 1904, during the passage of the automobile parade to be held under the auspices of the United Commercial Travelers of America, viz.:—

Huntington Ave., east side, from Mass. Ave. to Boylston St.; Boylston St., south side; Charles, Beacon, School, Washington, State, India, Milk, Congress, High, Summer, Winter, Tremont, Boylston, Park Sq., Columbus Ave., West Newton St.

Passed.

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TRANSFER TO CEMETERY DEPT.

Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by

this Board to instruct the City Auditor to make a transfer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for Cemetery Department.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move reference of the order to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The Chair—The Chair would like to have the matter acted upon as soon as possible. If the gentleman is willing to vote to return it this afternoon, the Chair has no objection.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I will agree to vote on it in committee one way or the other today.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CROSSWALK, WESTERN AVE.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to locate and maintain a crosswalk on Western Ave., from Litchfield St., Brighton.

Passed.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, Etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):—

International Peace Congress, evening of Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Suffolk County Democratic Committee, evening of Oct. 12.

People's Party, evening of Oct. 25, 1904.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending that leave be granted for the following projections:—

C. W. H. Sanborn, illuminated sign, 122 Bedford St., Wd. 7.

Phillip J. McGonagle, political transparency at 2½ Charter St., Wd. 6.

Dr. J. W. Call, sign, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

T. D. Whitney Co., Spinning-wheel sign, at 21-25 West St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Keyes, sign, at 937 Albany St., Wd. 7.

Dowling Bros., unlettered lamp at 200 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

William J. Gay, sign at 350 Warren St., Wd. 21.

John A. Sullivan, political transparency at 40 Charles St., Wd. 11.

Daniel A. Whelton, political transparency at 2A Lowell St., Wd. 8.

H. Swartz, sign at 82 Leverett St., Wd. 8.

Samuel Rosenthal, sign at 131 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Adolf Perlmutter, two signs at 48 Poplar St., Wd. 8.

P. C. Klein, sign at 187 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Alesandro Leone, sign at 19 Clark St., Wd. 6.

Ascher Miller, illuminated sign at 28 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Saverio Cefallo, sign at 9 School St., Wd. 6.

J. M. Nevelow, illuminated sign at 9 School St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Paglia, two barber poles at 218 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred September 26):—

S. Marston, a sign at 24 Hawley St., Wd. 7.

M. K. Murphy, an unlettered lamp at 1206 Tremont St., Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports, that no further action is necessary on the following petitions:

S. Rabinowitz (referred July 11), for leave to project a pole with an American flag at 34-36 Causeway St., Wd. 8.

C. H. Buck & Co. (referred August 1), for leave to project a flagstaff at 299 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted.

(4) Reports recommending that licenses be granted to project bay windows, etc., as follows:

Mary E. Hunter (referred September 12), two bay windows, to project 18 inches only, at 11 Gove St., Wd. 2.

Ellen T. Lynch (referred September 26), two bay windows at 379 Dorchester St. Wd. 15.

Mrs. B. M. Hird (referred September 12), one bay window at 162 Broadway Extension, Wd. 13.

G. D. Braman and Benjamin D. Hyde, Trustees, Lenox Leasehold Trust (referred August 8), a marquise at Hotel Lenox, Exeter St., Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of Lester Hunnewell, Trustee, and F. Blackwood Fay, Trustee (referred September 26), for leave to lay a conduit for steam pipes under and across Summer St.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Lester Hunnewell, Trustee, and F. Blackwood Fay, Trustee, to lay, maintain and use a 24 inch conduit, with steam pipes encased therein, under and across Summer St., Wd. 7, to connect estates No. 98 and 82, as shown on a plan dated Sept. 24, 1904, on file in the Permit Office of the Street Dept.; said pipes to be used for heating and power purposes, and the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the Harrison Sq. Association (referred May 2), that the Board take measures to abolish the nuisance consisting of an old, dilapidated building, corner Park and Exchange Sts., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That notice be given to the owner or owners of the building situated at the southwest corner of Park and Exchange Sts., Wd. 24, to appear before this Board on Monday, October 24, 1904, at 3 o'clock P. M., and show cause, if any he or they have, why said building should not be adjudged a nuisance under the provisions of Chapter 101 of the Revised Laws; said notice to be given by serving said owner or owners with a copy of this order five days at least before the time appointed for such hearing.

Report accepted; order passed.

RECESS.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, at 5.53 P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 7.09 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, in accordance with the terms and conditions

expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:

Patrick J. Ducey, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening 5 ft. by 6 ft., with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 4 Southampton St., Wd. 17.

W. N. Pike & Sons, to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Albany St., between Ambrose and Yeoman Sts., for use during the erection of a schoolhouse for the city of Boston, Wd. 17.

Thomas Arthur, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ inch iron pipe, with a screw cover attached, under and across sidewalk in front of estate 569 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

F. L. Whitcomb, to erect, maintain and use guy posts, with ropes attached, as follows:

One at or near 163 Beacon St.; 1 at or near 175 Beacon St., Wd. 11, for use during the erection of a building.

Garland & Son, to place, maintain and use a 14-inch iron grating cover over the present opening in the sidewalk on the Euclid St. side of estate 663 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Orne & Lawrence, to erect, maintain and use two guy posts with ropes attached in and over Tibbetts Townway, Wd. 4, at the buildings of Houghton & Dutton; said posts and ropes to be used during the erection of an addition to said building.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on petition of George R. Cavanagh (referred today) recommending the passage of an order—that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Geo. R. Cavanagh to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 30 ft. in length, by 22 ft. in width, by 23 ft. in height, from 5 Kimball St., along said street to 39 Kimball St., Wd. 24, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions (referred today), for leave to maintain lying-in hospitals:

Mrs. Ida M. Rose, 1 at 62 Clarendon St., Wd. 10.

Mary A. Malone, 1 at 663 Tremont St., Wd. 12.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the order (referred today), requesting the Mayor to instruct the City Auditor to make a transfer, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, of \$3000 from the reserved fund to the appropriation for cemetery department,—recommending that the same be amended by striking out the word “three” and inserting in place thereof the word “five.”

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended was passed.

(5) Report on the order (referred today), notifying certain persons named to repair flag-stone covering over the areas or coal-

holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalk in front of their estates within ten days from the date of this order—recommending the passage of the order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(6) Report on petitions (referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:—

Thomas Peters, 20-28 Dennis St., Wd. 17, brick.

Cornelius J. Donovan and others, Francis St., Wd. 19, brick, with granite edgestone. Catherine T. Shevlin, 9 L St., and 599 East First St., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

W. N. Pike & Sons, E. 8th and E. 7th Sts., bet. M and O Sts., Wd. 14, brick, with granite edgestone.

Louis Mazur, 178 Townsend St., Wd. 21, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

W. I. Emerson, 36 Tappan St., Wd. 23, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Harris Purwoy, cor. Cooper and Endicott Sts., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

J. S. Ridlon, 38 Aukland St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Wm. H. Naylor, 92 Aukland St., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Charlotte A. Powell, 4 and 6 Michigan Ave., Wd. 20, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Harry E. Wright, 82-88 Magnolia St., Wd. 16, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Perkins Institution and Mass. School for the Blind, 377-379 Centre St., Wd. 22, brick, with granite edgestone.

Mrs. Lulu D. Kelsay, 29 Alpine St., Wd. 21, brick.

George A. Fuller Co., 33-35 Congress St., Wd. 6, artificial stone, with granite edgestone.

Robert G. Jones, 19-23 Adams St., Wd. 20, artificial stone with granite edgestone.

Hutchings St., bet. Humboldt Ave. and Harold St., Wd. 21 (order referred Sept. 26), gravel, with granite edgestone.

Saratoga St., northwest side, bet. Boston & Albany R. R. and Pope St., and along Pope St., north side, bet. Saratoga St. and No. 10 on Pope St., Wd. 1 (order referred today), gravel, with granite edgestone.

Both sides Northampton St., bet. Tremont St. and Columbus Ave., Wd. 12 (order referred today), brick, with granite edgestone.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, at 7:13 P.M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 17, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Oct. 17, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Oct. 17, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Richard J. Mitchell (9 Mechanic St., Wd. 25), a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over, under the law.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Louis Backer, a sign, at 6 State St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Lefkovich, a sign, at 204 Friend St., corner Travers St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Rupert, a sign, at 109 Prince St., Wd. 6.

G. Colucci & Co., a cloth sign, at 253 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Ward 6 Republican Club, a campaign transparency, at 69 Prince St., Wd. 6.

J. W. Dailey, an illuminated sign, at 743 Washington St., Wd. 7.

C. Zevitas, an electric reflector from sign, at 414 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Pulaski & Kallam, an illuminated sign, at 578 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

George Levy, two unlettered lamps, at 1132 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

A. Gunaris, illuminated sign, 141 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Wm. H. Richardson Co., illuminated sign, 388 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Glenbrook Distilling Co., illuminated sign, 43 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

John Sullivan, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in E St., S. Boston.

N. L. Galarneau, to be paid for damages to property caused by flooding by surface water of building 292 Boylston St.

Sarah E. Goldberg, for compensation for damage to stock in trade at 25 Lauriat Ave., caused by the alleged defective condition of sewer.

Electric Wires.

The American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to relocate one pole on Washington St., near Arborway, Wd. 23.

Petitions of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass., viz.:

For leave to erect seven poles on Gleason St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect two poles in Greenbriar St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles on Bradley St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles in Alban St., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect three poles in Stanton St., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect twenty-nine poles in Washington St., Wd. 2.

For leave to erect and to remove one pole in North Beacon St., Wd. 25.

Edison Electric Ill. Co. of Boston, for leave to relocate one pole on Columbus

Ave., between Washington St. and Weld Ave.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Socialist party, on the evening of Oct. 22.

John B. Moran, on the evening of Oct. 24.

Sherwin L. Cook, on the evening of Nov. 20.

Boston Children's Aid Society, Nov. 19 instead of Oct. 29 as heretofore granted.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Edith C. Norcross, for the trimming of a tree at 42 Greenville St.

Peter McKinnon, for the removal of a tree in Middleton St., Dorchester.

Licenses.

Salvation Army, for a license for a Sunday concert, etc., at the Majestic Theatre, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16.

Emergency Hospital, for a license for a concert at the Globe Theatre, on Sunday evening, Oct. 23.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for license for a Sunday concert for charitable purposes at the Columbia Theatre, on Sunday evening, Oct. 30.

Love and Charity Society, for license for entertainment and dancing at hall 1042 Tremont St., on the evening of Oct. 17.

J. B. Hart, for reproduction of the Harvard-Yale football game at Mechanics Building, on Nov. 19.

John Williams, for license for musical, dramatic, literary and dancing entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St., for one month beginning Oct. 17, 1904.

William T. Leighton, for license for exhibition of pictures and clay and wax figures at 122 Court St., for four weeks beginning Oct. 22.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, viz.:

Columbia Benevolent Society (Sunday concerts), at the Columbia Theatre.

Love and Charity Society; at hall 1042 Tremont St.

John H. Cauley, at Cauley Hall 544 Main St.

People's Institute, at People's Hall, 1171 Tremont St.

Louis D. Brandels et al., trustees, at the Grundmann Studios (Copley Hall), 194 Clarendon St.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, I.O.O.F., Norfolk Hall, 323 Washington St., Dorchester.

Charlestown Club, Charlestown Club House, 44 High St.

S. Sidman, for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for one month beginning Oct. 17, 1904.

Public Improvements.

William F. Hyde, for leave to stand a wagon in the roadway in front of 5 Appleton St., from 6 P.M. until 6 A.M.

Saverio Vozello, for leave to place an iron cover over grating in sidewalk at 12 Garden Court St., Wd. 6.

H. E. Scanlan, for leave to construct bulkhead at 101 Staniford St., Wd. 8.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Carl Schleicher, N.E. corner Bennington and Byron Sts., Wd. 1.

Sidney Peterson, 167-169-179-181 Condor St., Wd. 1.

George H. Libby, 171-177 Condor St., Wd. 1.

Elizabeth R. Cabot, 229-231 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Simon Hurwitz, 238-248 Chambers St., and 31 Auburn St., Wd. 8.

Boyd & Berry, 153-155 W. Cottage St., Wd. 16.

Thomas F. Kearney, 2-4 School St., Wd. 20.

Walter Bros., 25-37 Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Patrick J. O'Neill, 92 Coleman St., Wd. 20.

Patrick McGovern, 99 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.



Annie M. Madden, 27-29 Arklow St., and 9 Ulmer St., Wd. 22.

PURCHASE OF "LOOKOUT" FOR PLAYGROUND.

Ald. HENNESSEY presented a petition, signed by Samuel Meadows and many others, requesting that a tract of land on Washington St., Dorchester, between Park and Dakota Sts., locally called "The Lookout," be purchased as a playground.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, in presenting this petition of Samuel Meadows and three or four hundred other citizens of Dorchester, I desire to say that the petition is to provide for a playground in that section of the city. It is one of nature's beautiful spots, and perhaps there is not another place in the entire city like it. I will not present anything further on the matter at this time, but will ask reference of the petition to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to attach wires to one pole of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, on Southampton St., nearest Dorchester Ave.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions for leave to store and keep oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

2. Wilson & Co., at 394 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 16

3. A. L. Flanders (gasolene for use in automobiles), at 1996 Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

WEST END LOCATION.

Notice was received from the West End Street Railway Co. of its acceptance of its 230th location for a single curve track corner of Dorchester and West Eighth Sts., South Boston, which location was approved by the Board of Railroad Commissioners Oct. 13.

Placed on file.

MARQUISE—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Allen C. Jones, for leave to project a marquise in front of the American House, 54 Hanover St., Wd. 6, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 31, at 3 P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today)—Recommending that leave to use Faneuil Hall, as follows:—

Boston Children's Aid Society, on Nov. 19, instead of Oct. 29, as heretofore granted. Socialist Party, evening of Oct. 22.

John B. Moran, evening of Oct. 24.

Sherwin L. Cook, evening of Nov. 29.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today) for leave to erect poles on various streets—recommending the passage of order of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Oct. 31, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

To erect seven poles in Hanson St., Wd. 20.

To erect three poles in Alban St., Wd. 24.

To erect three poles in Bradlee St. Wd. 20.

To erect three poles in Stanton St., Wd. 24.

To erect two poles in Greenbrier St., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), for leave to erect twenty-nine poles in Washington St., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 24, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(3) Report on petition of the Fire Commissioner (recommitted Oct. 10)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered. That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain posts for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by George J. Rauh; said posts to be located as follows:—

Washington St., corner of Dale St., Wd. 21, 1 post; Washington St., opposite Dimock St., Wd. 21, 1 post; Washington St., corner Burnett St., Wd. 23, 1 post; Washington St., corner Glen Road, Wd. 22, 1 post; height and diameter of posts not to exceed 8 ft. x 14 in.; date of plan, Sept. 20, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said posts on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

The work of locating said posts to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(4) Reports on petitions of the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass.—recommending the passage of the following:—

(a) Ordered. That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition re-committed Oct. 10), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:—

South St., near Chestnut Hill Ave., Wd. 25, 6 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 ft. x 13 in.; date of plan, Sept. 12, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered. That permission be granted to The New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Mass. (on petition referred Oct. 10), to place and maintain a pole for the support of wires at a point designated by a red dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said pole to be located as follows:—

Norfolk St., near Capen St., Wd. 24, number of poles 1, height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40 ft. x 14 in., width of sidewalk 8 ft., date of plan Oct. 3, 1904.

Ordered: That permission be granted to said company to remove from Norfolk St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said pole on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1893.

The work of locating and removing said

poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 11 Lexington St., Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing on Brooks St., East Boston, at the side of estate No. 142 Princeton St.; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

The two orders were both passed.

UNION LABOR, TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered the following: Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston the Boston Transit Commission should take such action as may be necessary to provide that none but union labor be employed in the construction of the new subway.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Boston Transit Commission.

Passed.

CLOSING OF BRIDGES TO SOUTH BOSTON.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered the following:

(1) Ordered, That the City Engineer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this board how soon, in his opinion, the Congress St. bridge will be opened to public travel.

(2) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this Board the reason for the closing of the Dover St. bridge, and whether or not the grade of said bridge is to be changed and if so the reason therefor.

(3) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform this board the reason for the closing of Mt. Washington Ave. bridge, and how soon it will be re-opened for public travel.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, for several years bridges to South Boston have been closed, necessitating considerable inconvenience to the people living in South Boston and to those doing business over there. We have had the Broadway bridge closed for three years. It has just been opened, and immediately after the opening of that bridge they have closed the Dover St. bridge. At the same time the Mt. Washington Ave. bridge is torn up, lying there in that condition, and no work going on in the way of putting it in proper condition to be opened again to public travel. The citizens of South Boston are also anxious to find out how soon the Congress St. bridge will be open to public travel. It seems to me that the City Engineer, or whoever has the matter in charge, should consult the wishes of the people of South Boston in regard to those bridges, before going ahead and closing three bridges leading to a district which has a population of from 75,000 to 80,000 people. As I say, not only the inhabitants of the district, but the business men of the district and people who have occasion to go to that district, are affected by the closing of the bridges, and they are all anxious to know what is to be done in the matter. I believe it is the duty of the members of this board to find out whether these bridges cannot be opened to public travel in the near future. If we are to have the same delay and inconvenience in connection

with the Dover St. bridge that we have had in regard to the Broadway bridge—where the structural material was not ordered until the bridge had been closed—it will be a great hardship to the people of the district. I think it is only fair that the City Engineer, or others having the matter in charge, should not close the bridges until all the material for construction is on the ground. I hope we will have this information at the next meeting.

The orders were severally passed.

STOPPING PLACE, CARNEY HOSPITAL.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested to have a stopping place located at or near the door of the Out-Patient Department, Carney Hospital, South Boston.

Passed.

GAS LAMP, CORDEN ST.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to erect and maintain a gas lamp in the rear of No. 30 Corden St., Wd. 21; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

The Chairman—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Ald. SLATTERY—It is this, Mr. Chairman. On looking over the minutes of the last meeting of this Board, from which I was unavoidably absent, I find that during the debate regarding the extension of time for the Charlestown pole locations the Chairman made the statement that, in a conversation with him, I had expressed myself as satisfied that that matter should be taken up on that afternoon, in order to avoid any further delay. It strikes me that whatever was said between the Chairman and myself the Chairman must certainly have misunderstood. I had no such thought and made no such statement. On the contrary, I could see no reason for any haste whatsoever. I have been opposed to the extension of time, because the people of Charlestown have protested. When the matter was in this Board several weeks ago I voted against it, and had I been here on Monday last I should have voted against it also. I did not take part in the debate some few weeks ago, because I felt that the matter was so well covered by the able and vigorous argument of the gentleman from Charlestown that there was certainly no need of anybody else taking a hand. I feel, Mr. Chairman, that in justice to myself I ought to make this statement.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair desires to state to the gentleman from Wd. 14 that he was evidently mistaken in the attitude that the gentleman took towards that matter, and that if he had not misunderstood the gentleman's position he would not have stated that he was perfectly satisfied to have action taken. The Chair is extremely sorry if he has put the alderman from Wd. 14 in an unfavorable light, and most humbly apologizes to the member from Wd. 14 for so doing.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. Whelton, at 3:48 P.M., the Board took a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 5:37 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending the passage of orders for the construction of sidewalks in front of the following estates, the owners thereof to furnish the material for said sidewalks, viz.:

Carl Schleicher, corner Bennington and Byron Sts., Wd. 1.

Patrick J. O'Neil, 92 Coleman St., Wd. 20.

Patrick McGovern, 99 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

Annie M. Madden, 27-29 Arklow St. and 9 Ulmer St., Wd. 22.

Walters Bros., 35-37 Glenway St., Wd. 20.

Thomas F. Kearney, 2-4 School St., Wd. 20.

Boyd & Berry, 153-155 West Cottage St., Wd. 16.

Simon Hurwitz, 238-248 Chambers St. and 31 Auburn St., Wd. 8.

Elizabeth E. Cabot, 229-231 Washington St., Wd. 6.

George H. Libby, 171-177 Condor St., Wd. 1.

Sidney Peterson, 167-181 Condor St., Wd. 1.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(2) Report on petition of Maratime Stores Co. (referred Oct. 10), for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.: One barrel of kerosene at 38 Atlantic Ave., Wd 6—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on Mayor's message (referred Oct. 10), recommending release of land of Juliette F. Lord on Landseer St., West Roxbury, taken for sewer purposes—recommending the passage of the accompanying order and that said message be sent down.

Report accepted; said order passed; yeas 12, nays 0. Sent down.

(4) Report on Mayor's message (referred Oct. 10), in favor of a loan order for \$600,000 for construction of conduits for carrying off surface water separate from sewage—recommending the passage of the order accompanying the same and that said message be sent down.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 13, nays 0. Sent down.

(5) Reports on petitions, referred today, recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits for work, to be completed on or before November 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, as follows:—

H. E. Scanlan, to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 3 ft. by 5 ft., with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 101 Stanford St., Wd. 8.

Saverio Vozello, to place, maintain and use an iron cover of rough upper surface over the present bulkhead in the sidewalk in front of estate 12 Garden Court St., Wd. 5.

Reports accepted; orders severally passed.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions—recommending that leave be granted, as follows:—

Glenbrook Distilling Co. (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 43 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

C. L. Yorke, Boston Tavern Co., (referred Oct. 10), to project an illuminated sign over Ordway Pl., from building 347 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Commercial Cable Co. (referred August 8), to project an illuminated sign at 112 State St., Wd. 6.

Ward 6 Republican Club (referred today), to project a campaign transparency at 69 Prince St., Wd. 6.

The Cummings Co. (referred Oct. 10), to

erect an electric sign at 406 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Holland Bros. (referred Oct. 10), to project an electric sign at 35 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Holland Bros. (referred Oct. 10), to project an electric sign at 35 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Willoughby H. Stuart, Jr., (recommitted Sept. 6), to project a permanent awning at 139-145 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 newsboys.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (referred today), recommending that licenses be granted as follows:—

People's Institute, for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at People's Hall, at 1171 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Charlestown Club, for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at the Charlestown Clubhouse, 44 High St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

William T. Leighton, for an exhibition of pictures, clay and wax figures, at 122 Court St., for a period of four weeks, beginning Oct. 22, 1904.

Louis D. Brandeis, et al., Trusctees, for musical, literary, dramatic and whist entertainments and art exhibitions at the Grundmann Studios (Copley Hall), 194 Clarendon St., for season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

John H. Cauley, for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Hawley Hall, 544 Main St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Salvation Army, for Sunday concerts, etc., at the Majestic Theatre on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16.

J. B. Hart, for reproduction of the Harvard-Yale football game at Mechanics Building on Nov. 19.

Trustees of Norfolk Lodge, I. O. O. F., for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Norfolk Hall, 328 Washington St., Dorchester, for season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Emergency Hospital, for a concert at the Globe Theatre on Sunday evening, Oct. 23.

Love and Charity Society, for entertainment and dancing at hall 1042 Tremont St., on the evening of Oct. 17.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for a Sunday concert for charitable purposes at the Columbia Theatre, on Sunday evening, Oct. 30.

S. Sidman, for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for one month beginning Oct. 17, 1904.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

ALD. BOWEN COMPLIMENTED.

Ald. WHELTON moved that the permission of the Board of Aldermen be hereby extended to the Hon. Patrick Bowen to leave Boston for the next two weeks, and that our next meeting be held at 29 Hope-dale St., Allston, at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening next (laughter).

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BOWEN, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, at 6:08 P.M., to meet on Monday, Oct. 24, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1904.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7:45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING.

President's Office, Common Council,
City Hall, Boston, Mass.,

Oct. 17, 1904.

To the Members of the Common Council:—
An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, Oct. 20, 1904, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

Arthur W. Dolan, President.

Placed on file.

USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The President announced that during the recess of the Common Council he has granted, under the rules of the Council, the use of the Council Chamber to the Commission on the Height of Buildings, the United States Maimed Soldiers' League, and the Board of Election Commissioners.

SETTEES ON ASHMONT PLAYGROUND

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Aug. 17, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to place settees on the Ashmont Playground, Wd. 24.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department
of Parks.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., Aug. 12, 1904.

Hon Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall,
Boston.

Dear Sir:—

We duly received and considered the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting us to place settees on the Ashmont Playground. We shall be pleased to comply with the request of the Common Council. Ycurs respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TESTIMONY IN POLICE TRIALS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 19, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Police in reply to your order passed on August 4th, last, requesting them to furnish your body with a copy of the testimony in the trial of any police officer who makes application to be reimbursed for any judgment and expenses which may be entered against him.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

Office of the Board of Police,

Aug. 15, 1904.

Hon. P. A. Collins, Mayor, City of Boston,
City Hall, Boston, Mass.

My Dear Sir:—

I have your communication transmitting to this Board an order passed by the Honorable Common Council on August 4, 1904, requesting this Board to furnish to said Council a copy of the testimony in the trial of any police officer who makes appli-

cation to be reimbursed for any judgment and expense which may be entered against him, and we will endeavor to comply with the request. Very truly yours,

W. H. H. Emmons, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPAIR OF SECOND STREET.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 19, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to an order passed by your body requesting an estimate of the expense of grading Second St., between L and M Sts., Wd. 14, and putting the same in suitable condition for public travel.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department, City Hall.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 15, 1904.

To the Mayor:—

Returning order of the Common Council, I have the honor to report that the estimated cost of putting East Second St., between L and M Sts., in proper condition for public travel is \$4900.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

EVENING CLASSES, MECHANIC ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Sept. 19, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the School Committee, in reply to the order of the Common Council of 1902 requesting that committee to hold evening classes at the Mechanic Arts High School.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston.

In School Committee.

Sept. 13, 1904.

The Committee on Manual Training, to whom was referred from the files of a previous year a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, requesting this Board to hold evening classes in the Mechanic Arts High School, recommend that the Common Council be informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that such classes are to be established for the evening school term of 1904-5.

For the Committee on Manual Training,
Robert T. Paine, Jr., Chairman.

Accepted, and the recommendation of the
Committee adopted.

A true copy.

Attest: Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary.

Ordered printed, on motion of Mr. Conway of Wd. 23, and placed on file.

\$100,000 LOAN TO MEET DEFICITS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Oct. 20, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the issuance of City bonds to the amount of \$100,000, for the purpose of providing for deficits in loan-appropriation accounts caused by the payment of executions of court. The City Treasurer is required to pay executions of court immediately upon their presentation to him, using any money in his possession for that purpose. The payment of these executions had the effect of increasing the existing debt of the city by \$100,000; and the purpose of the accompanying order is to enable the City Treasurer to issue bonds to the amount of the debt thus created, and to credit the proceeds thereof to the accounts named in the order, and thus make it possible for the City Auditor and the



City Treasurer to balance their books properly. Respectfully

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); and the proceeds thereof to said amount are hereby appropriated, to be expended by the City Auditor, to meet deficits caused by the payment of executions of court, viz.:
Chestnut Hill Park.....\$36,300
Strandway, purchase of land
and construction of.....63,700

The communication was sent up, and the order was read once.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 moved reference of the order to the Committee on Finance; lost.

On motion of Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 the rule was suspended, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I respectfully doubt the vote on suspending the rule and ask for a verification by yeas and nays.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, although it is now too late, from a parliamentary standpoint, to entertain the doubt, as a matter of courtesy he will do so.

A rising vote was taken, and the rule was declared suspended, 32 members in favor, 5 against.

The order was passed, yeas 54, nays 9.

Yeas—Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins (12), Collins (4), Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Kelley, Lacey, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Simms—54.

Nays—Abbott, Ferber, Leavitt, MacLoud, Patterson, Richardson, Stalker, Williams, Wood—9.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Colman, Dalton, Higgins, Jepson, McKnight, Newton, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (5), Warner—12.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 18 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Message of Acting Mayor transmitting communication from Board of Park Commissioners relative to placing settees on the Motley Hill portion of Arboretum Park, from the Forest Hills portion to Roslindale, that the request contained in the order of the City Council be complied with.
Placed on file.

2. Message of Mayor relative to settlement for land near Western Ave., Brighton, taken by Metropolitan Park Commission.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:—

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be authorized to settle the claim of the City of Boston against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the eight-tenths (8-10) of an acre of marsh land, in the rear of Western Ave., Brighton, taken by the Metropolitan Park Commission in 1895 for park purposes; and that, in making such settlement, he be authorized to establish a building line, and to make such other restrictions on the remaining land as he shall deem proper.

The communication was placed on file; the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 18—Mr. President, I move assignment of the order to

the next meeting of the Council. My reason is to ascertain what the mayor means by saying "And to make such other restrictions on the remaining land as he shall deem proper"—whether it is property of the City of Boston or of the Commonwealth. That is all I want to find out. Otherwise I have no objection.

The motion to assign was lost.

The order was passed in concurrence.

3. Message of Mayor enclosing a communication from the Superintendent of Streets certifying that the city no longer requires the right, which it took in 1895, to construct a sewer in certain land on Landseer St. The passage of the following preambles and order is recommended in said message:—

Whereas, This Board, by an order passed October 23, 1895, for the purpose of constructing a surface sewer, took the right to maintain said sewer in certain land then belonging to Juliette T. Lord, but now supposed to belong to Nathaniel W. Bowes, and particularly described in said order; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Streets of said city, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right or easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes;

It is hereby Ordered, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and in accordance with the provisions of chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right or easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made for a nominal consideration.

The message was placed on file and the preambles and order were passed in concurrence, yeas 64, nays 0.

Yeas—Abbott Barrett, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Williams, Wood—64.

Nays—None.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Colman, Dalton, Drummond, Higgins, McKnight, Newton, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Warner—11.

4. Message of Mayor, enclosing two communications from the Superintendent of Streets relative to continuing the work of constructing conduits to keep surface or storm waters separate from sewage.

The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:—

Ordered, That in accordance with chapter 383 of the Acts of 1903, the Superintendent of Streets construct, in connection with the Metropolitan sewers, branch intercepting sewers, connections of existing sewers with intercepting sewers, branch drains, sewers or drains, in any street where one thereof only shall have been built, and all necessary connections with such sewers or drains, but shall not incur any expense therefor in excess of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000); and to meet said expense the City Treasurer shall, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, issue and sell bonds of the city to the amount required therefor, the same to be outside the debt limit.

The question came on placing the message on file and ordering the order to a second reading.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. Presi-

dent, I move a suspension of the rules, so that the order may go upon its passage at this time.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I think an order of this importance deserves more serious consideration from this Council. I believe that we should refer it to the Committee on Finance. I believe that we owe this to our self-respect, if nothing else. Mr. President, early in the present year His Honor the Mayor came to the conclusion that the Sewer Division had sufficient funds to carry this work through without issuing this loan, and I believe that his judgment at that time was the right one. Since that time, as you all know, pressure has been brought to bear upon him by the politicians of the city, who think that the exigencies of the coming campaign demand that that loan should be issued.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is on suspending the rule. The Chair will be very glad to give the gentleman an opportunity to discuss the merits of the case after that question is decided.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, if that is decided in the affirmative, I understand that I will be cut off. Is that not so?

The PRESIDENT—No, sir. The question will come upon the passage of the order, and the Chair will at that time be glad to recognize the gentleman from Wd. 11.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I move the reference of the order to the Committee on Finance.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the question is on suspending the rule, and that a motion to refer is not in order at this time. The motion to suspend the rules was put, and was declared carried. Mr. Ferber doubted the vote and called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the rules were suspended—yeas 49, nays 18:

Yeas—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway, (3), Conway, (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hanley, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Sullivan, D. L.—49.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Cook, Ferber Graumann, Harrington, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Richardson, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—18.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Colman, Dalton, Higgins, McKnight, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—8.

The question came on the passage of the order in concurrence.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I believe that the Mayor's first judgment was the judgment of the citizen, and I believe his second judgment was the judgment of the politician. I am further borne out in my suspicions—

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, may I ask the gentleman a question?

The PRESIDENT—Does the gentleman yield for a question? If he does, the Chair will suggest that he loses the floor.

Mr. PIERCE—Yes, I will.

Mr. MURRAY—I would ask the gentleman where it is recorded in any place in the City Council minutes that the Mayor's judgment is that this loan is not needed at this time?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I don't know that it is so recorded anywhere at this time. I said that at the beginning of the year that it was the Mayor's judgment that it would not be necessary, and I said that because of the exigencies of the campaign and because of the pressure brought to bear upon him by the politicians, he

changed his mind. Now, my suspicions are further borne out by the character of the contracts which have already been made and by the men to whom the contracts have been given. Take, for instance, the Stony Brook contract. They have already spent the \$800,000 which the legislature appropriated last year for that purpose, for the improvement of Stony Brook, for various sewerage purposes there, but the work is still incomplete. Those contracts are held, one by an ex-superintendent of streets, another by the treasurer of the democratic city committee, another by the brother-in-law of one of the old board of strategy. They are all politicians, or close to politicians. My suspicions are further confirmed by the character of the contracts. Those contracts could not be arranged in a better way for the purposes of milking the city. The contracts are arranged in this fashion. The city pays for the labor and for the materials which are put into the work by the contractor. In addition to that, the city pays 15 p.c. on the value of the labor and the materials put into the work, which is a direct incentive for the employment of labor, to the excessive use of materials, and to the extension of the time of the contracts as long as possible. I say the contracts could not be arranged better for the purpose of milking the City of Boston. Now, Mr. President, the City of Boston has spent in the last eight years, since the million-dollar sewerage act was passed, enough money to provide a sufficient sewerage system for the City of Boston and to provide in addition for the work for which this loan is asked here tonight. I think they have spent enough to give us a silver lining to our sewer system. In the last eight years they have spent no less than \$15,644,744.43 for the purpose of sewers in this city. That is several million dollars more than the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission has expended for the entire metropolitan system of sewers. Mr. President, in the last year, this very year, in the eight months which have passed, the city has expended for the purposes of maintenance, out of the appropriation bill, more than \$260,000. Out of the one million dollar loan for sewerage work it has expended nearly \$762,000. Out of this Stony Brook appropriation, of which I have just spoken, the city has expended \$540,000. Out of the separation of sewers act under which this loan is asked for tonight the city has spent over \$301,000. And in addition to those items I find an item for sewers under highway loans. It seems in 1900 the city went to the legislature and quietly got a little amendment through by which sewers may be constructed out of the highway loan. Out of that loan we have expended this year \$123,000, so that up to the present time, eight months only having elapsed, we have expended nearly two million dollars for sewer purposes. We still have, I think, at least \$500,000 more to draw upon. We have at least \$60,000 in the appropriation; we have about \$263,000 left in the million dollar loan; and we have something like a quarter of a million that might be used for sewers in the highway loans. So I think sufficient money has been expended and provided for the purposes for which this loan is asked. The statutes and the appropriation bill together will provide over two million dollars each year, and I think this work, which in itself is a very admirable work and a work which I commend very highly, will be properly carried out by these various appropriations, and that there will be sufficient money for it. Mr. President, I believe that an order of this importance should be referred to its proper committee. I believe the President himself at the beginning of the year said—and I will quote from his own remarks: "When there is anything comes up which it is proper for a committee of this body to

attend to, it certainly should be referred to that committee." The honorable President of this body said those words on Jan. 14, and I commend them to the attention of this Council. I believe we have had nothing which ought really to go to a committee more than this, and I think, as the functions which this body performs are deliberative—and intended so to be in the scheme of government that the legislature gave us—that we should deliberate, that we should never pass an order without careful consideration. I hope, and I move, Mr. President, that this matter will be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the matter to the Committee on Finance—the Chair is in error. The Chair will state, the rules having been suspended to enable us to pass this order without reference to a committee, the motion to refer it is therefore out of order.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President and fellow members, I think it is very evident that the last gentleman now has all the sewers in his ward that he needs, or else that the authorities will be able to do all the sewer work that needs to be done in his ward from the other money in their charge.

Mr. PIERCE—May I interrupt the gentleman?

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President —

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Conway of Wd. 23 has the floor.

Mr. CONWAY—If I am not mistaken, Mr. President, there is a large appropriation to take care of conduits to carry the water from Stony Brook into the Charles River, or into the ocean through Charles River. The appropriation for that purpose went through the City Government some time ago, and that appropriation was primarily, I believe, for the benefit of the ward that the gentleman has the honor to represent in this Council. I believe, from what I know, that his ward is thoroughly well taken care of, so far as sewers are concerned. It seems to me rather inconsistent for a man to come here and oppose the passage of an order of this kind, which will be primarily, perhaps, be of benefit to the outlying sections of the city. That is where the sewer work is to be done at the present time—and by sewer work I do not mean work that is to be of benefit to only one particular locality, work that will do away with a nuisance that exists in that particular locality, but I mean work which will be of benefit to each and every taxpayer and resident in those outlying sections. The gentleman would take a different position, if he only appreciated the difficulties that the people living in the outlying sections—and I speak more particularly for my own ward—labor under through the lack of proper sewers. There are places there that the Board of Health has time and time again condemned, and it is impossible for the people to get sewers in their streets, for the simple reason that trunk lines are not built to connect the intersecting streets.

It seems to me, Mr. President, that the gentleman should consider these matters first, before he opposes an order of this kind. I believe that if he investigated the conditions in the outlying sections of Boston with reference to the lack of sewers, and knew the conditions that exist there, he would not oppose any measure of this sort. So far as what he said as to the mayor being coerced into favoring a passage of a loan of this kind is concerned, it seems to me he has had very little experience with His Honor the Mayor, if he thinks he is a man who is easily coerced. I do not believe that, Mr. President. From what little experience I have had, I am driven to just the opposite conclusion. I do not believe the Mayor of Boston can be coerced into doing anything that is wrong in itself, or wrong in principle. I do not speak from experience in that mat-

ter, because I never asked him to do anything wrong (laughter); but I do not believe he is of that calibre. I think the gentleman does not know him, and has not had much experience with him in that regard, when he makes that statement.

Mr. MOYNIHAN—Mr. President, the gentleman from Wd. 11 in his remarks referred to the sewer system of the City of Boston having a silver lining. It may not be untimely or out of place, Mr. President, for me to say, in reply, that probably the gentleman is laboring under a cloud, and that the cloud he is laboring under has no silver lining. It might well become me at this time, Mr. President, to say that we are on the eve of a coming election, and that the gentleman who comes here from Wd. 11, when he says what he has just been saying, is speaking, I believe and feel—and I feel so strongly—purely for political capital. And when he refers to the men who have been working for the City of Boston in the sewer department for years past in the way that he did, and speaking of them with some disrespect, as I have taken it, I think his entire remarks should be taken by this body for what they are worth—and they are worth nothing more or less than remarks made for political capital. Everybody in Boston knows that the sewer system in Boston is not lined with silver, and it is not lined with brass. The best that it has been lined with for years, if I can learn anything from those who have charge of the sewer division, is plain cast iron. Therefore, I say, put some more cast iron into this city in the way of sewers, even if it costs \$600,000 and it will not be ill spent. I hope, Mr. President, that this order will pass.

Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5—Mr. President, I should like to ask the able leader of the minority just what portion of the two millions or more that have been appropriated during the past year by the City Council has been used to pay the City of Boston's assessment from the Metropolitan Sewer Commission? It may be true that we have appropriated a large amount of money during the past year for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sewers, but, Mr. President, not a little of this money has been used in paying the City's assessment from the State. The assessment made upon Boston is very large, Mr. President—much larger than that made upon any other City or Town which is benefited by the work that is done. This assessment is paid, as I understand it, into the State Treasury; but the Mayor and the Superintendent of Streets are obliged to face the charges of extravagance made by those who are not in sympathy with the present administration. I wish to say to the gentlemen of the minority party and to the rest of those who believe that too large an amount of money has been expended during the past years for sewers, that if the City's assessment from the State is brought down to what it should be, it will not be necessary for us of the City Council to appropriate so much money for work of this kind.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, in answer to the gentleman in the third division (Mr. Murray), I will state that the city paid to the state last year for sewer assessments \$139,178.30. I will also state, Mr. President, that that amount is not included in the figure which I gave as the expenditure of this year—the two million dollar figure.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I rise at this time to oppose the passage of this order at this meeting. My reasons for so doing are several. One of them, and I think it the most important of all, and one which I do not think any of the previous speakers has mentioned—is the time of year that this order is introduced. I believe that \$600,000 can, and will be, spent by the Mayor and Superintendent of Streets in building much-needed and necessary sewer connections in the outlying

districts, as well as some in the central section of the city; but I ask any member of the Council if, on the 20th day of October of this year, it is fair to ask us to appropriate \$600,000 for this purpose, when I do not believe that the work can possibly be done before spring? You will find, Mr. President, by referring to the Council minutes for the year, that at the meeting held on January 14th of this year this Council concurred with the Board of Aldermen in appropriating one million dollars for this specific purpose—for the construction of sewers. To give one million dollars a year to the administration which is in power at the beginning of the year, so that it can have that money to do work with at the best time, when the weather and ground are suitable—that, Mr. President, seems to me to be a most proper thing to do; and if I should be so fortunate as to be a member of the City Government next year, I shall most heartily favor the giving of that sum, or as much more as may be necessary, to the administration at the beginning of the year for that purpose. But I do not believe that we should give to this or any other administration, or to any Superintendent of Streets, whoever he may be, \$600,000 at this season of the year, to spend for the building of connections for sewers. It is too late a day in the year. I do not believe that all this work could be done in 1904. I doubt if much of it will be done in 1904.

They are working on streets today, Mr. President, in Dorchester, or have been, which are paid for from previous appropriations; and until all the work is done and all that money has been spent, I do not believe we should give them \$600,000 more. I trust that this Council will heed the word of His Honor the Mayor, which you will find in his address at the beginning of the year. I shall only quote one extract from that address:—

"While we must meet the obligations already fixed upon us, it is our plain duty to safeguard the future, and to incur only such new obligations as we can reasonably carry."

I will ask any member of this Council if he thinks that the City of Boston can at this time reasonably and honestly afford to spend \$600,000 for sewers in the year 1904, in addition to what has already been appropriated, when the work cannot be done in 1904? I sincerely trust, Mr. President, that this order will not be passed at this time.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23.—Mr. President, for the first time I have learned tonight that it has been the custom for the City of Boston to lay sewers made of cast iron. I always supposed, from watching the mechanics at work in my district, that the sewers were made of brick and Akron pipe. (Laughter.) Mr. President, I am in the unique position this evening of having to vote for this bill. Call it politics or what you like, but out in the district which I represent there are nearly three miles of highway upon which practically no more work can be done until this appropriation is provided. In reference to one of them, Brandon St., the Councilman from Wd. 22 introduced an order some time ago, and had it put through, requesting the Superintendent of Streets to proceed with the work on that street. Mr. President, on that very street, men were pulled off today, and I am told they cannot be put back to work again until the passage of this order is effected. Hyde Park Ave. is in the same condition. I stand here tonight, having to vote for this order, but I am going to have something to say about it before I vote for it. Under this order, as it reads—I am not a lawyer—I cannot understand how anything but surface drainage can be built. I do not see how any house drainage can be built out of this \$600,000. The order says that the money is to be used for "branch drains, sewers

or drains, in any street where one thereof only shall have been built." As I say, I am not a lawyer, but I cannot see how, under this order, this \$600,000 can be spent for anything except to put in surface drains where there is already another sewer in a street. We heard lots of things back last January, Mr. President. We heard His Honor the Mayor, from that very platform (pointing), give an address teeming with economy; and I ask any fair-minded man in this Council tonight, is it economy to allow the whole summer to elapse, and then come in here two or three weeks before the frost enters the ground and ask us for a loan of \$600,000? If you gentlemen from Wd. 10 and 11 do not know what that means, I do. We had the experience last year out in Wd. 23 of seeing men come out there with steam boilers and thaw out the ground, covering it over with straw and thawing it out, and then seeing men come out the next day with picks, striking a few blows, and then blowing on their hands to keep them warm. And I want to ask you gentlemen who holler so much about the laboring man, who were those men? Were they citizens of Boston? No, they were not; and you all know they were not! Some contractor got those contracts, and the men who did the work were not citizens of Boston. I myself have seen in this city within a year contractors working on an eighteen-hundred dollar contract, getting through with it and moving their little house and their tools to another portion of the same ward, and then have seen gentlemen who had a sub-contract in that other portion of the ward coming over into this section and swapping off—doing up \$1800 more. Now, if that is economy, all I have to say, gentlemen, is: "Economy, economy, how much extravagance is committed in thy name!"

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 2.—Mr. President, I am not at all surprised that the gentleman from Wd. 11 should get up at this time and oppose this measure, for he also opposed a measure that was to benefit the poor firemen of Boston. The gentleman from Wd. 20 offers an argument, and all he can say in his argument is that the work cannot be done at this time. Well, perhaps it may be offensive to some of his friends who have been at the beach all summer to come home and see the poor workman digging up the streets. The gentleman from Wd. 23 in his argument reminds me of a man who offers a child a stick of candy and before he begins to eat it takes it away. I see nothing in his argument that is a good, substantial reason why this bill should not pass. If there is anything of that nature in it I, for one, would like to hear it.

Mr. BARRETT of Wd. 13 moved the previous question, which was ordered.

The order was passed in concurrence, yeas 50, nays 17.

Yeas—Barrett, Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, H. J., Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Hourin, Jepsen, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald, J. M., McDonald, P. A., McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Price, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Sullivan, D. L.—50.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Colbert, Cook, Ferber, Harrington, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, Patterson, Pierce, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—17.

Absent or not voting—Carter, Colman, Dalton, Higgins, McKnight, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr.—3.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8 moved to reconsider; lost.

The Council voted, on motion of Mr.

Murray of Wd. 5, to consider Nos. 5, 6 and 7 together, and that the same be read by their titles, viz.:—

5. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Adline R. Chambers, referred February 29, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on Warren St.—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas J. Scollans, referred September 26, for payment to Marie L. Scollans of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maywood St. (Lot 16)—leave to withdraw.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Thomas J. Scollans, referred September 26, for payment to Marie L. Scollans of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Maywood St. (Lot 17)—leave to withdraw.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed in concurrence.

8. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Charles Henry Parker, referred August 8, recommending the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Samuel D. Parker the sum of one hundred twenty-two and 8-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 4 Elmore St., Wd. 21, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2499, page 633.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

9. Ordered, That the City Engineer be directed by His Honor the Mayor to erect stairs for the convenience of the travelling public, from Summer-St. bridge to A St., South Boston; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Broadway bridge.

Passed in concurrence.

10. Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make the usual arrangements for receiving election returns on days of the coming state and city elections, and that the Common Council Chamber be opened on the evenings of said days for the announcement of said returns; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council incidental Expenses.

Passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Children's Institutions Trustees be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to increase the wages of firemen at the Parental School from \$30 to \$50 per month.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out as a public way Cottage terrace, Wd. 17.

Passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That chapter 402 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of its Police Signal Service," be, and the same is hereby, accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston.

The PRESIDENT—In connection with that order the Chair will state that it is a matter which has been acted on once within the current year by the Council; that if that objection had been raised in the Board of Aldermen he supposes it would be fatal to the receiving of the order at this time; but that, inasmuch as the precedent and custom has been, as a matter of courtesy, to act upon any orders that are transmitted by one branch to the other, the Chair will put the order upon its passage.

The order was declared passed in concurrence.

Mr. Cook doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were declared not ordered. Mr. Cook doubted the vote, the yeas and nays were ordered by a rising vote, and the order was passed in con-

currence, 22 members voting in the affirmative, 7 in the negative.

14. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to charge the expense of building a retaining wall and fence on the northwesterly boundary line of Columbus Ave. playground to the appropriation for Columbus Ave. playground, sanitary building.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments of the City of Boston to enforce the provisions of chapter 344 of the Acts of 1899, relating to the hours of work of laborers employed by or on behalf of any city or town in this commonwealth.

Passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction of Branch Ave., Wd. 20, as a public way.

Passed in concurrence.

WARD 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place and maintain a light on the Broadway bridge, between Albany and Tyler Sts.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. NEWTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place D St., Wd. 13, from Eighth St. to Dorchester Ave., in proper condition, said street being a menace to public traffic.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP, MATTAPAN STREET.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas lamp at the junction of Mattapan St. and Tilteston Ave., Wd. 24; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

FOOTBALL, ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.

Mr. ABBOTT offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested to have goal posts placed on football field, Ashmont Playground.

Referred to the Mayor.

VOTING BOOTH, WARD 10.

Mr. FAY of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Election Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, inform this body if the voting booth now placed in Copley square, Wd. 10, cannot hereafter be put in a less conspicuous place, and if Blagden St. can be used for the purpose.

Referred to the Mayor.

WARD 22 IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place a Shaw Patent sign at the junction of Columbus Ave. and Washington St., Wd. 22, to bear the name of "Egleston square."

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HANLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to the Common Council what action can be taken to lessen the discomfort experienced by the people of Wd. 22, occasioned by smoke from the locomotives of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. HANLEY offered an order—That the Bath Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a gymnasium and shower baths on the Marcella-street playground; the expense to be charged to the appropriation of \$30,000 for playground, Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

ANNUITY FOR WIDOW OF PATROLMAN STURDIVANT.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That an annuity be paid from the City Treasury to Emma F. Sturdivant, widow of Alfred M. Sturdivant, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police and to be paid from the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.

The question came on suspending the rule, that the order might take its second reading.

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1—Mr. President, this death happened some little time ago, and the order is simply offered now because of the fact that we have had no meeting during the summer. I would ask a suspension of the rule that it may be disposed of at once. All the members are probably familiar with the circumstances connected with the death of this officer. The papers were full of the matter at the time when he was shot in discharge of his duty and died during the day.

The rule was suspended unanimously, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I am under no apprehension that this order will not pass or meet with the fullest approval of anyone present, but, inasmuch as I had prepared a similar order myself and intended to speak upon it, I think it may not be unfitting if I say a word on this occasion in recognition of the bravery of Officer Sturdivant and of the fellow police officers who were with him at that time. It is with mingled feelings of respect for the deceased and deep sympathy for his widow that I undertake to say something upon the subject. The deceased was a friend of mine, one whom I had known from my childhood days. I think the press of Boston spoke truly when it said of him that he was a faithful, conscientious and efficient public officer. Those who were his superiors in the Police Department speak of him only in terms of praise. If the act of the Legislature under which this order is offered had rendered it a condition precedent that merit should attend each particular case before any pension were granted, I know that that condition in this case would have been well fulfilled. Mr. President, the act of the Legislature having provided that a sum not exceeding \$300 may be paid as an annuity to the widow of a deceased police officer who dies from injuries received in the discharge of his duty, the only question that remains for us to consider is the need of the widow. Mr. President, I feel that in this case there are circumstances which should make it clear to this Council and to the Board of Police Commissioners, when the matter comes before them that the widow is entitled to the fullest amount authorized by law. Some time prior to his decease Officer Sturdivant purchased a little old-fashioned house and spent nearly the remainder of his savings in fitting it up. Things had just begun to be cosy and homelike when he met his death. Now his sorrowing widow sits alone during the dreary evenings and the little house is for sale. When that is gone, she will have nothing left to live on except the proceeds and some life insurance. Mr. President, if there ever was a case in which the beneficiary under a legislative act is entitled to the fullest amount, it would seem to me that this is one; and I sincerely hope that the Police Commissioners, when the matter comes before them, will give the widow the full amount of \$300.

The order was passed. Sent up.

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to prohibit any further expenditures from the City Treasury for printing the proceedings of the City Council, and to instruct the Corporation Counsel to take such action as may be deemed expedient under the opinion given to the Superintendent of Printing regarding the illegality of such expenditures.

The order was declared passed.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25—Mr. President, I doubt the vote and ask for a roll-call.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will say that he cannot entertain the doubt unless the gentleman was one of those opposed to the passage of the order. Does the gentleman still doubt the vote?

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, for the benefit of those voting against it I doubt the vote.

A rising vote was taken, and the order was declared passed, 13 members voting for and nine against it.

Mr. MANCOVITZ doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, (the order being first read for information, at request of Mr. Maynard of Wd. 8), and the order was passed, yeas 39, nays 24:

Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Colbert, Collins, H. J., Cook, Crowley, W. A. H., Dolan, Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald, J. E., Fitzgerald, T. F., Gethro, Good, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, McDermott, McDonald, P. A., McKie, McKinney, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan, D. L., Warner, Wood—39.

Nays—Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins, J. F., Conboy, Conway, (3), Coughlin, Craig, Crowley, J. F., Ewell, Foley, Gleason, Grady, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald, J. M., McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Newton, Rachkowsky, Richardson—24.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Carter, Colman, Conway (23), Dalton, Driscoll, Higgins, McKnight, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan, T. J., Jr., Williams—12.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the official stenographer of this body be requested to send the copy of the minutes of each meeting directly after each meeting to the Printing Department, and that the Superintendent of Printing have it printed and a copy sent to each member of this body within forty-eight hours after receiving it from the official stenographer, and that all other publications of the reports of the meetings of this body be discontinued.

Passed.

OCCUPATION OF STREETS BY EDISON CO.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this body at its next meeting whether it is legal or not for the Edison Illuminating Company to occupy the streets of the city with its poles for the sole purpose of carrying its power into towns outside of Boston.

Referred to the Mayor.

OCCUPATION OF STREETS BY BOSTON ELEVATED.

Mr. CONWAY offered an order—That the Corporation Counsel be requested to inform this body at its next meeting whether or not it is legal for the Boston Elevated Company to occupy the streets of the city by making terminals for certain lines and keeping the cars standing in these streets for periods of more than ten minutes.

Referred to the Mayor.

INFORMATION ASKED FROM RAILWAY CO.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the President of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Boston Common Council at its next meeting

1. When in his opinion (naming a specific date if possible) the Boston Elevated Railway Company will complete its work in the East Boston tunnel.

2. When in his opinion (naming a specific date if possible) the Boston Elevated Railway Company will be in readiness to commence the operation of cars and the transportation of passengers through the East Boston tunnel.

3. What in his opinion is the earliest date upon which may be held the celebration and exercises attendant upon the formal opening of the East Boston tunnel.

4. Whether or not in his opinion the Boston Elevated Railway Company will require its patrons to change cars at either end of the East Boston tunnel and then proceed in cars or trains intended exclusively for use in the tunnel, or whether or not surface cars will run directly into and through the tunnel.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I hope, through the passage of this order and its presentation to the president of the Boston Elevated Railway Co., to find out, if possible, which is the bigger—the Boston Elevated Railway Co. or the City of Boston, as it is represented here by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. Some time last spring the president of this body appointed a committee whose duty it was to make arrangements for the celebration of the opening of the East Boston tunnel. In fulfillment of our duty as members of that committee we went to interview the president of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the members of the Transit Commission. The members of the Transit Commission informed us very clearly that they had completed their work and that the matter was now in the hands of the Boston Elevated Railway Co.

In our interview with the representative of that company, President Bancroft, he very diplomatically avoided giving us any definite information. He said that it might be done at such and such a time or might not; he could not tell, he was not in a position to know, but it might be completed in July. In July we found that it might be completed in October; and, now that October has come, we receive information that it may possibly be completed in January. By that time this committee will have been discharged, and will have no function to perform. But, apart from the mere matter of presenting these interrogatories and having them answered, if possible, by the president of the Boston Elevated Railroad Company, or somebody who has the management of its affairs, I would like to say that there is a graver matter which confronts the Elevated Road. There is a sentiment in East Boston which is rapidly growing each day which will soon make itself felt in no uncertain manner. The people are tired of being trifled with and being given excuses, being put off from time to time without any definite information. It is time that we knew something about the construction of this tunnel and when it will probably be opened; we don't know how the tolls are to be collected; we don't know whether or not we have to change cars before going into the tunnel. That last point is a point of very vital importance, and I think the Elevated management ought to know and to understand very clearly that the people of East Boston will feel outraged if they are compelled to change cars before entering the tunnel. The great cry that was raised by the Elevated people when they

wanted the tunnel put there was to the effect that by so doing the delay in changing cars and crossing the ferry would be avoided and that we would be able to travel directly from Boston to East Boston and back. Is it the fact that we must change cars the same as in the past and that the time will not be very much better than on the ferry boats? If that is so, the Elevated management ought to change it, if possible, ought to send its cars through the tunnel; and, if not so, the people ought to know it. There is no reason for this long-continued policy of secrecy—of Turkish diplomacy, you might call it,—that has been connected with the management of the Boston Elevated Road. The Elevated Road is the creature of the statutes, owes its rights to the people, and as such creature of the statutes it should bow to the people and give them such information as is in its power. There is no good reason why this information should not be forthcoming; and, in behalf of my constituents in East Boston, I respectfully submit to the Boston Elevated that they either answer the interrogatories I propound this evening or state specifically that they do not know, and have not the data at hand to give us the specific information.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS.

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 offered the following:

Whereas, It has been the custom of many contractors in the past doing work for the City of Boston to employ other than citizens, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council hereby expresses its disapproval of such conduct, and further be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Streets take whatever action is necessary to provide that none but citizens of Boston be employed in the construction of sewers hereafter.

Ordered, That the clerk of the Council be instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Superintendent of Streets.

The question came on the adoption of the resolutions.

Mr. MCKENZIE of Wd. 19—Mr. President, Mr. Price of Wd. 23 has already called the Council's attention to the nature or character of the men employed by the contractors working for the City of Boston. These resolutions of mine practically take the same ground—calling the attention of the Superintendent to these men employed by contractors doing business in the City of Boston.

The resolutions were adopted.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, FRANKLIN FIELD

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have placed in Franklin Field in ample time for the beginning of the skating season enough electric lights to make skating both safe and pleasant.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIST OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Mr. GLEASON of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the School Committee be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council a list of names and residences of all persons employed as teachers and instructors in the schools of the city.

Referred to the Mayor.

RECREATION ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SCHOOLS.

Mr. GLEASON offered an order—That the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, consider the advisability of providing additional accommodations for

recreation and gymnasia purposes in the various school yards.

Referred to the Mayor.

MACADAMIZING OF RANDALL ST.

Mr. GLEASON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to macadamize Randall St., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

MACADAMIZING OF FELLOWS ST.

Mr. GLEASON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to macadamize Fellows St., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALK.

Mr. MacLOUD of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repave sidewalk on West Rutland Sq., between Columbus Ave. and the N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHT ON DUSTIN ST.

Mr. McDONALD of Wd. 16 for Mr. Richardson of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a street light on Dustin St. in front of No. 16, Wd. 25.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAMP ON PARK VIEW ST.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a street lamp on Park View St. about half way between Seaver and Hutchins Sts., Wd. 21. At the present time this street has no light of any kind.

CROSSWALK ON DALE ST.

Mr. WARNER offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay a crosswalk in Dale St., opposite the entrance of the Walnut Ave. church on Dale St., Wd. 21, the cost of same to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASIN, CARLOW ST.

Mr. CONBOY of Wd. 17 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate a catch-basin at the corner of Carlow and Chadwick Sts., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASIN, E. LENOX ST.

Mr. CONBOY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to locate a catch-basin at the corner of East Lenox and Fellows Sts., Wd. 17.

Referred to the Mayor.

IRON FENCE ON COLUMBIA ROAD.

Mr. CALLAHAN of Wd. 16 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place an iron fence on Columbia Road, between Buttonwood St. and the bridge, Wd. 16, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF SENATOR HOAR.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 offered the following:—

Whereas, the citizens of Boston are mindful of the great loss the Commonwealth has sustained in the death of her beloved and venerable Senator George Frisbie Hoar, now therefore

The Common Council of Boston in session assembled representing truly the spirit of its citizens

Resolves, that it deeply feels the loss of the distinguished Senator who has given to Massachusetts almost a life-time of able and honorable service, and who has ennobled her and her citizens as well as himself by the character of that service.

Passed by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of our late Senator, one of Massachusetts' greatest and noblest characters, in whose death the country has lost an able legislator and humanity a true friend, I move that we do now adjourn.

The Council adjourned at 9.41 P.M., by a unanimous rising vote, to meet on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7.45 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen

Monday, Oct. 24, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Bowen and Frothingham.

The board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Oct. 24, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Jeremiah A. Twomey (108 Maywood St., Wd. 21) a Constable of the City of Boston for the term ending April 30, 1905, in place of William B. Handy, who has resigned.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Oct. 19, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Honorable Nathan Matthews (456 Beacon St.) a member of the commission, authorized by chapter 108 of the Resolves of 1904, to consider the matter of providing additional court rooms and such other accommodations as may be necessary for the prompt administration of justice in the County of Suffolk.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.
Placed on file.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Oct. 21, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval a vote passed by your Board granting a license to S. Sidman for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

My reason for disapproving this vote is that the Board of Police are of the opinion that a license should not be granted to the applicant.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. O'TOOLE in the chair.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:—

Sixteen Petit Jurors, United States Circuit Court, Nov. 9, viz.:—

Ciro Falco, Wd. 13; Charles F. J. O'Malley, Wd. 14; John J. Cushing, Wd. 1; Michael F. Baxter, Wd. 7; Joseph R. Kingston, Wd. 1; George W. O'Mara, Wd. 17; Cornelius B. Lee, Wd. 7; John W. Shaw, Wd. 5; Robert J. Breen, Wd. 15; Dennis T. Shiels, Wd. 18; Daniel R. Young, Wd. 19; Richard F. Johnson, Wd. 13; Patrick Powers, Wd. 15; Phillip G. Shope, Wd. 23; Fred. L. Howe, Wd. 25; Theodore M. Plympton, Wd. 21.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, First Session, October sitting, viz.:—

Samuel P. Train, Wd. 8; Albert J. Hill, Wd. 23; Michael F. Meagher, Wd. 7; Francis T. Roache, Wd. 15; Owen McCusker, Wd. 21; Edward J. Hutchinson, Wd. 2; Thomas D. Murphy, Wd. 13; William H. Dolan, Wd. 17; Robert Allison, Wd. 23; William R. Kittredge, Wd. 17; Henry Wenz, Wd. 10; Joseph Eager, Wd. 24; Henry J. Hanson, Wd. 18; Allen C. Humphrey, Wd. 20; George H. Pratt, Wd. 17; John J. Kelly, Wd. 8; Silas B. Johnson, Wd. 1; John D. Williams, Wd. 21; Thomas Baldwin, Wd. 10; Charles W. Hearu, Wd. 22; Sumner E. Spencer, Wd. 23; John J. Doyle, Wd. 13; Lewis E. Libby, Wd. 19; Frederick A. Kincaid, Wd. 20; Frederick M. Rosemond, Wd. 13; John P. Dwyer, Wd. 7; Anthony J. Post, Wd. 25; James F. Gleason, Wd. 14; Geo. A. Swift, Wd. 10; William E. Eggleston, Wd. 19.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Second Session, October sitting, viz.:—

Joseph E. Noonan, Wd. 6; Bernard J. Devine, Wd. 13; John J. Connor, Wd. 9; Frederick F. O'Doherty, Wd. 13; Emil K. Nelson, Wd. 1; Owen F. Cox, Wd. 2; Bernard F. Duffley, Wd. 17; John W. Sweeney, Wd. 13; George F. Harding, Wd. 20; John Walsh, Wd. 13; Patrick F. O'Connor, Wd. 14; Richard S. Leary, Wd. 3; George W. Havender, Wd. 13; William G. Welton, Wd. 14; Charles E. Richardson, Wd. 24; Thomas H. Speirs, Wd. 19; R. Joseph Cassidy, Wd. 1; Henry Stephenson, Wd. 20; James B. Walsh, Wd. 11; John F. Harkins, Wd. 1; James R. Hooper, Wd. 11; Enos G. Goudy, Wd. 21; Laurence Minot, Wd. 11; William S. Foster, Wd. 11; John M. Hawkins, Wd. 17; Albert A. Wadleigh, Wd. 11; Timothy O'Shea, Wd. 7; Frederick P. Richard, Wd. 17; Everett H. Jenney, Wd. 12; Harry O'Hara, Wd. 14.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Third Session, October sitting, viz.:—

Dennis J. Manning, Wd. 16; Michael Whitty, Wd. 13; Andrew H. Stewart, Wd. 8; John A. Sherlock, Wd. 11; George W. Mason, Wd. 24; Frank M. Robbins, Wd. 8; William F. Morrissey, Wd. 15; Peter F. Keegan, Wd. 24; Charles B. Shaw, Wd. 21; Raphael Rosnosky, Wd. 20; Daniel G. Flannerty, Wd. 10; Samuel D. Warren, Wd. 11; John J. Dwyer, Wd. 7; Alfred F. Plummer, Wd. 25; John R. Wall, Wd. 19; Daniel A. Sullivan, Wd. 5; Benjamin W. Wells, Wd. 11; Dennis J. Leary, Wd. 13; Augustus M. Snow, Wd. 9; John H. Hunnefeld, Wd. 13; Matthew J. Killion, Jr., Wd. 23; Bernard F. Johnson, Wd. 5; John H. Burke, Wd. 8; Coleman J. McGrath, Wd. 15; John W. Munroe, Wd. 17; Horace P. Chandler, Wd. 22; George F. Lakin, Wd. 21; Patrick J. McDermott, Wd. 12; Patrick J. Smith, Wd. 6; James T. McGrath, Jr., Wd. 13.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Fourth Session, October sitting, viz.:—

Franklin E. Blanchard, Wd. 16; Theodore H. Langley, Wd. 14; Edward S. Drew, Wd. 11; Benjamin F. Teel, Wd. 5; William P. Malloy, Wd. 22; Charles F. Doherty, Wd. 19; Willis B. Allen, Wd. 11; James J. McNamara, Wd. 13; Elbridge G. Lawton, Wd. 14; William H. Hickey, Wd. 17; Silas S. Putnam, Wd. 24; Albert H. Morse, Wd. 11; William S. Waters, Wd. 4; Richard J. Daley, Wd. 13; James E. Ward, Wd. 23; Samuel A. Taylor, Wd. 22; Matthew Binney, Jr., Wd. 17; John McCarthy, Wd. 17; Thomas M. Green, Wd. 6; Angus McNeil, Wd. 19; Joseph L. Rankin, Wd. 8; Clarence H. Poor, Wd. 25; Thomas M. Norton, Wd. 1; George F. Wood, Wd. 25; James S. Doherty, Wd. 6; George B. Weldenslicker, Wd. 22; Frank McCann, Wd. 20; William J. Savage, Wd. 14; Charles W. Hamilton, Wd. 7; Albert S. West, Wd. 24.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Fifth Session, October sitting, viz.:—

Charles D. Cutting, Wd. 9; Edward Taylor, Wd. 18; Charles H. S. Kennedy, Wd. 19; Edward Gauda, Wd. 2; William J. Lynch, Wd. 2; John C. Donovan, Wd. 24;

Thomas A. Lynsky, Wd. 16; Nat. A. Trask, Wd. 14; Edward H. Hynes, Wd. 2; John J. Green, Wd. 1; Alfred H. Rickerby, Wd. 9; Jeremiah Donovan, Wd. 17; Daniel P. McCarthy, Wd. 5; John B. Godard, Wd. 9; Philip Berwin, Wd. 10; Charles H. Bagley, Wd. 9; John Currie, Wd. 3; George R. Cavanaugh, Wd. 24; Thomas C. Newcomb, Wd. 14; Edward M. Beals, Wd. 11; Jason S. Bailey, Wd. 23; James E. Barry, Wd. 14; Henry M. Clifford, Wd. 5; John Tjorburn, Wd. 22; Edwin Manley, Wd. 12; Albert W. Engel, Wd. 23; Anthony J. Emery, Wd. 2; Louis Burkhardt, Wd. 21; Cornelius J. Driscoll, Wd. 16; Dudley S. McDonald, Wd. 10.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Sixth Session, October sitting, viz.:

Lewis C. Humphrey, Wd. 21; John S. Lowell, Wd. 17; Timothy J. Healy, Wd. 1; Michael Quinn, Wd. 14; Joseph R. Williams, Wd. 18; Patrick H. Welton, Wd. 10; Thomas Burke, Wd. 14; George W. Chesley, Wd. 22; John J. Dailey, Wd. 20; John A. McPherson, Wd. 25; E. Harvey Sampson, Wd. 11; Thomas Forrest, Wd. 19; James McGovern, Wd. 24; Michael J. Brennan, Wd. 2; Timothy J. White, Wd. 18; Charles B. Moore, Wd. 18; Thomas E. Farmer, Wd. 1; Daniel W. Colhath, Wd. 22; Warren M. Hill, Wd. 11; William L. Gifford, Wd. 17; James S. Flynn, Wd. 1; Walter H. Wilkins, Wd. 21; S. Aquin Eshjorn, Wd. 11; William M. Whitman, Wd. 17; William H. Parkhurst, Wd. 10; John F. Goodman, Wd. 15; Bernard Fagan, Wd. 2; Alfred W. Tilton, Wd. 6; Kilborn Whitman, Wd. 21; George H. Stevens, Jr., Wd. 11.

Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Court, Seventh Session, October sitting, viz.:

S. Albert Battison, Wd. 24; Samuel J. Hallett, Wd. 20; George E. Baldwin, Wd. 21; Dennis Crotty, Wd. 24; John Wright, Wd. 13; Charles W. Adams, Wd. 10; Reuben Colton, Wd. 11; James J. Monahan, Wd. 13; William J. Johnson, Wd. 20; John K. McNeill, Wd. 19; Isaac F. Woodbury, Wd. 25; S. Huntington Ferroll, Wd. 6; John J. O'Neill, Wd. 13; Frank C. Morrill, Wd. 16; John W. Nutting, Wd. 7; James F. Moriarty, Wd. 6; Edward F. Morse, Wd. 17; Warren P. Dean, Wd. 16; Warren A. Belden, Wd. 25; James P. Fogarty, Wd. 16; Edward J. Maguire, Wd. 8; James E. Norton, Wd. 22; John F. Perkins, Wd. 14; Elmer Merrill, Wd. 7; Robert Woods, Wd. 3; Thomas J. Butler, Jr., Wd. 3; Albert E. Richardson, Wd. 17; John A. Hanton, Wd. 10; John W. F. Willson, Jr., Oscar S. Staples, Wd. 24.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept.

Estate of Ira L. Moore, for leave to build a wooden addition on 340 W First St., Wd. 13.

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

R. M. Wollenberg, an unlettered lamp, at 58 Meridian St., Wd. 2.

Dominick Jannarone, wooden signs, at 10 State St., Wd. 6.

Bowditch Bros., two unlettered lamps, at 23 Tremont Row, Wd. 6.

Samuel Orr, an unlettered lamp, at 26 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Henry Krev Co., three unlettered lamps, at 327 Washington St., Wd. 7.

W. Olston, an unlettered lamp, at 1009 Washington St., Wd. 9.

M. A. Walsh, a sign, at 847 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

Robert Leebert, a sign, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Bay State Trust Co., to excavate basement of 218-20 Boylston St., Wd. 11, to grade 8.

Claims.

Hyman A. Appleton, to be reimbursed for damages sustained by him by reason of a defect in cesspool at 63-65 Lowell St. and 19 Minot St.

Emeline W. Thayer, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Elm Hill Ave., near Howland St.

Timothy J. Coffey, for damages on account of an alleged defect in Washington St. near Lovering Pl.

Electric Wires.

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect and to remove one pole in Quincy St., Wd. 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to relocate a pole on Washington St., between Lyndhurst St. and Melville Ave., Wd. 20.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to relocate one pole on Main St., between Cambridge and Mishawum Sts., Wd. 4.

Same company, for leave to erect three poles on Harvard St., between Devens St. and Harvard Sq., Wd. 5.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

A. O. H., Suffolk County, on the evening of Nov. 20.

Congregation Beth Jacob, on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 4.

Public School Association, on Dec. 9, at noon.

Dept. of Mass., G. A. R., on the evening of Feb. 14 and the day of Feb. 15, 1905.

James A. Watson, evening of Oct. 24, 1904.

Supt. of Public Grounds.

Urban Associates of East Boston, for the trimming of a tree at 30 Havre St.

Lamps.

William A. Davidson et als., for public lamps on Brenton and Greenwood Sts., Wd. 20.

Licenses.

G. W. Magee, Manager, for a permit for Frankie Frayne, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at Grand Opera House, for one week beginning Oct. 24, 1904.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Columbia Theatre, on Sunday evening, Oct. 23.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for a license for Sunday concerts on the evenings of Nov. 13-20, 27, at the Columbia Theatre.

Musicians' Aid Society, for Sunday concerts on the evenings of Oct. 23 and 30, at Symphony Hall.

Emergency Hospital, J. L. Koch, M. D., Supt. (two) Sunday concerts at Grand Opera House, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6; Boston Theatre, Oct. 30.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, viz.:

Roanoke Social and Athletic Club, at hall No. 2 Russell St.

Earl W. Masters at Arcade Hall, 7 Park Sq.

Thomas Minton, at Minton Hall, 4 Hyde Park Ave.

Patrick Kelleher, at Kelleher's Hall, 446 Neponset Ave.

Ernest R. Buffinton, Manager, at the Dudley Street Opera House.

Frederick F. Smith, at 163 Cambridge St.

A. Davis Weld, Tr., at Elliot Hall, Elliot St., J. P.

Lillian E. Harvey, at Lauriat Hall, 170 Lauriat Ave.

Charles W. Pierce, Agent, at Red Men's Hall, 5 Chestnut Hill Ave.

Emergency Hospital, J. L. Koch, M. D., Supt., Sunday concerts, Globe Theatre.

Cornelius J. Desmond, that the Board refuse to license Harvey Hall, corner Lauriat Ave. and Willowwood St.

Public Improvements.

George W. Fowle, for compensation for damage to his estate on corner of Columbia road and Eastman St., Wd. 16, by the change of grade of Eastman St. and flowing of surface water from said street on his land.

Charles H. Doney, for compensation for damage to estate 9 High St., Dorchester, caused by the change of grade of said street.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a wooden building from 300 Dorchester St., Wd. 15, to 51 Vale St., Wd. 15.

George R. Dugad, for leave to erect guy posts on Morris, Paris and Marlon Sts., Wd. 1.

Petitions for leave to lay 1 1/4 inch pipes under and cross sidewalks, viz.:

Mayhew & Davis, Washington St., corner Poplar St., Wd. 23.

L. T. Andrews, 4256 Washington St., Wd. 23.

G. M. Willey, 1919 Washington St., Wd. 18. President & Fellows of Harvard college, to construct arches in sidewalk front of Employers' Liability Bldg., Broad, Central and Water Sts., Wd. 7.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

City of Boston, Library, Department, corner Norfolk and Washington Sts., Wd. 24.

Annie L. Dunbar, 64 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Frank P. Walker, 112 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

Redfield Proctor, No. Margin St. and 8 Thacher St., Wd. 6.

Thomas Rush, 43-49 W. Third St., Wd. 13.

John H. Mulhearn, 234-236 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16.

P. F. Burke, 1156-1158 Adams St., Wd. 24.

Elizabeth L. Kelley et als., 27, 31, 35, 39, 34, 36, 38 Claybourne St., Wd. 20.

R. J. Gillis, 51 Buttonwood St., Wd. 16.

F. E. Johnston, 253-5 Harold St., Wd. 21.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions for leave to project bay windows, etc., viz.:

1. Thomas and Ellen Joyce, one window and a cornice over Warren St., from building No. 1 Cordis St., Wd. 5.

2. Benjamin Piscopo, a canopy, in front of the Hotel Piscopo, 32 Fleet St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. David Mancovitz, one window, at 233 Chambers St., Wd. 8.

Abraham Pon, of 1 Beacon St., appeared for Max Zleman, owner of 236 Chambers St., and objected to the proposed bay window, on the ground that it would interfere with light and air.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Building Dept.

4. Higgins & Scarr, two windows, at 1091 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Not having advertised in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

5. On the matter of adjudging to be a nuisance an old dilapidated building on the southwest corner of Park and Exchange Sts., Wd. 24.

Thomas G. Washburn appeared for Orlando H. Davenport, stating that he was willing to put the building in condition but did not wish to do so until it could be protected by the police. The present dilapidated condition is largely the result of lack of such protection, and it would again degenerate into its present condition within a short time unless properly protected.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I feel it my duty to say a word upon this matter, the power of the police of Dorchester to protect property having been called into question. I wish to say that this is the first time I have heard anything of that kind, and to say from personal knowledge that I know that the force and those in charge in Dorchester are very efficient. I think, if this matter was looked into

properly, we would find that the fault was not with the negligence of the police, but that the real reason is that the entire community have wanted to get rid of a dilapidated nuisance that was in the centre of a residential district.

No further objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, etc.:

6. Twenty-nine on Washington St., Dorchester,—eleven being between Kilton and Harvard Sts., Wd. 20, and eighteen being between Fairmont St. and Ruggles Pl., Wd. 24.

William H. Swift, for Fanny C. Swift, 288 Washington St., Dorchester, Mrs. Eliza W. Noyes, 272-276 Washington St., and Mrs. Helen M. Tucker, 276 Washington St., severally appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

A remonstrance was also received from Reuben Gleason.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. Four on Shafter St., near Waterlow St., Wd. 20.

John F. Cusick, 42 Court St., appeared for all the owners on Shafter St., in objection to the proposed poles.

Frank W. Thayer also appeared and objected.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Five on Chamberlain St., between Harvard and Algonquin Sts., Wd. 20.

William E. W. Conway, for Mrs. Ellen L. Conway, 30 Gaylord St., and John F. Cusick, of 42 Court St., for the abutters on Chamberlain St. appeared and objected to the proposed poles.

No further objections; recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY.

9. Three on Vinson St., near Park St., Wd. 20.

A remonstrance was presented by Ald. HENNESSEY from the abutters on Vinson St., signed by Thomas F. Anderson and 12 others.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:

10. One on Church St., between Winter and Highland Sts., Wd. 20.

11. Two on Roys St., between Lamartine St. and Chestnut Ave., Wd. 22.

12. One on Creighton St., between Centre and Bynner Sts., Wd. 22.

13. One on March Ave., between Park and Bellevue Sts., Wd. 23.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

14. Five on Teppan St., from South St., northeasterly, Wd. 23.

Isaac H. Bogart, 21 Tappan St., Anna R. Barak, 28 Tappan St., Mrs. A. E. Taylor, 22 Tappan St., Hannah Newsome, 12-14 Tappan St., and Mrs. Melissa K. Blasland, 15 Tappan St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to the Committee on Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

15. Message of the Mayor, recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to the amount of one hun-

dred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and the proceeds thereof to said amount are hereby appropriated, to be expended by the City Auditor, to meet deficits caused by the payment of executions of court, viz.:—
Chestnut Hill Park.....\$36,300
Strandway, purchase of land
and construction of..... 63,700

\$100,000

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

16. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to prohibit any further expenditures from the City Treasury for printing the proceedings of the City Council, and to instruct the Corporation Counsel to take such action as may be deemed expedient under the opinion given to the Superintendent of Printing regarding the illegality of such expenditures.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.
17. Ordered, That an annuity be paid from the City Treasury to Emma F. Sturdivant, widow of Alfred M. Sturdivant, formerly a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the discharge of his duty; the amount of said annuity, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be determined by the Board of Police, and to be paid from the appropriation for Pensions, Police Department.
Passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Chairman called up No. 18, unfinished business, viz.:—

18. Action on the appointment of Richard J. Mitchell to be a Welper of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Bresnahan and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 10, yes 10, and the appointment was confirmed.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing Oct. 26, at 11 A.M., on petition of City of Boston "Superintendent of Streets," for license to dump snow and ice in Boston Harbor.
Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Railroad Commissioners of approval of 238th location of West End St. Ry. Co. and order allowing said company to attach wires to poles of New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Summer St., Wd. 13.
Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Charles W. Kimball, Assistant Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 33, Chap. 22 of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office, commencing Sept. 26, 1904, and that work had been performed to the amount of \$1820.89.

Laid on the table, on motion of Ald. WHELTON.

Later in the session the communication, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, was taken from the table and was approved and ordered paid.

BAY WINDOWS—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Higgins & Scarr for leave to project two bay windows from building No. 1091 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 7, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the

payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of October, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:—

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to six newsboys and two bootblacks.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual condition.

(2) Report on the petition of Thomas Blanchard (referred July 11) for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905—that no further action is necessary.

(3) Reports recommending that licenses be granted for Sunday concerts in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):—

Emergency Hospital, at the Globe Theatre, on Oct. 30.

Emergency Hospital, at Boston Theatre, on Oct. 30.

Emergency Hospital, at Grand Opera House, on Oct. 30 and Nov. 6.

Columbia Benevolent Society, at Columbia Theatre, on Oct. 23.

Musicians' Aid Society, at Symphony Hall, on Oct. 23 and 30.

Bakers' Unions, Nos. 4 and 53, at the Columbia Theatre, on Nov. 6 (petition referred Oct. 10).

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports recommending that licenses be granted for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, as follows:—

B. F. Kelth (referred June 27), dramatic, vaudeville and musical entertainments at Kelth's Bijou Theatre, 543-545 Washington St.

B. F. Kelth (referred June 27), dramatic, vaudeville and musical entertainments at Kelth's Theatre.

Stair & Wilbur (referred June 6), dramatic, musical and vaudeville entertainments at Globe Theatre.

Isaac B. Rich (referred Sept. 12), musical, dramatic, minstrel and theatrical entertainments at the Hollis St. Theatre.

Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris (referred Sept. 12), musical, dramatic, minstrel and theatrical performances at the Colonial Theatre.

Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris (referred Sept. 12), musical, dramatic, minstrel and theatrical performances at Park Theatre.

Thomas Minton (referred today), musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Minton Hall, 4 Hyde Park Ave.

A. Davis Weld, Trustee (referred today), for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Elliot Hall, Elliot St., Jamaica Plain.

Roanoke Social & Athletic Club (referred today), musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at Hall No. 2, North Russell St.

Charles W. Pierce, agent (referred today), musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Redmen's Hall, 5 Chestnut Hill Ave.

Love and Charity Society (referred Oct. 17), musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at hall No. 1042 Tremont St.

Stone & Shaw (referred August 1), for exhibit of curiosities and stage shows at Austin & Stone's Museum, 4 Tremont Row.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of Lillian M. Harvey (referred today), for license for dancing and whist entertainment at Lauriat Hall, Lauriat Ave., on the evening of Oct. 28—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual condition.

(6) Report on the petition of G. W. Magee, Mgr. (referred today), for permit for Frankie Frayne, a child under fifteen years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House, during the week beginning Oct. 24—recommending that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(7) Report on the petition of John Williams (referred Oct. 17), for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St., for one month, beginning Oct. 17—recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on petition of Charlestown Gas & Electric Co. (referred today), for leave to erect three poles on Harvard St., between Devens St. and Harvard Sq.—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Oct. 31, at 3 o'clock, P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of West End St. Ry. Co. (recommitted Oct. 17), for leave to attach its wires to a pole of Edison Electric Illuminating Co.—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to allow the attachment of, and to the West End St. Ry. Co. to attach, the wires of said street railway company to one pole of said illuminating company on Southampton St., near Dorchester Ave., in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said pole being shown by a black dot on a plan made by C. H. Hille, dated Oct. 1, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (recommitted today)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, said poles to be located as follows:—

Creighton St., between Centre and Bynner Sts., Wd. 22; 1 pole, height and diameter of pole not to exceed 40ft.x14in., width of sidewalk, 7ft.; date of plan, Oct. 7, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

STREET SIGN, WALTER ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to place a street sign on the corner of Walter and Arundel Sts., Wd. 23.

Passed.

ELEVATED STATION NEAR COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Ald. CURLEY offered an order—That the Committee on Railroads be requested to consider and report on the expediency

of establishing an elevated railway station at or near the Columbia Theatre.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

CLOSING OF NO. HARVARD ST.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Board of Police be authorized to close to travel by vehicles, except mail, fire, police and hospital wagons, North Harvard St., Brighton, between Western Ave. and the Cambridge line, on Saturday, Oct. 29, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and six o'clock, P.M.

Passed.

CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYGROUND, WD. 22.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to proceed at once with the construction of the Marcella-St. Playground; the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for Playground, Wd. 22.

Passed. Sent down.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, at 4:51 o'clock P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the aldermanic chamber at 6:14 o'clock P.M., and were called to order by the Chairman.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for loan of \$100,000 for Chestnut Hill Park and Strandway that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the message placed on file, and the order was passed in concurrence, yeas 10, nays 0. Ald. Bowen, Curley and Frothingham not voting.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the persons hereinafter named to do certain work, said work to be completed by Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz:—

George R. Dugad, to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached as follows:—

One at or near No. 70 Morris St.; 1 at or near No. 23 Morris St.; 1 at or near 256 Paris St.; 1 at or near 205 Marion St.; 1 between 229 and 277 Marion St., Wd. 1; for use during the erection of foundation wall for the Lyman School.

Mayhew & Davis, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ in. iron pipe, with a screw cover attached under and in the sidewalk in front of estate Washington St., corner Poplar St., Wd. 23.

L. T. Andrews, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ in. iron pipe with a screw cover attached, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 4256 Washington St., Wd. 23.

G. M. Willey, to lay, maintain and use a 1½ in. iron pipe with a screw cover attached under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1919 Washington St. Wd. 18.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of J. J. and P. M. Ahern (referred today)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. and P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, flat roof, 45ft. in length by 23ft. in width, by 30ft. in height, from No. 300

Dorchester St. to 51 Dale St., Wd. 15, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for sidewalks—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets make sidewalks, along the following streets, said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, the owner to furnish said material, viz:—

Thomas Rush, 43-9 West Third St., Wd. 13.

John H. Mulhearn, 234-6 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 16.

R. J. Gillis, 51 Buttonwood St., Wd. 16.

P. F. Burke, 1156-8 Adams St., Wd. 24.

Frank P. Walker, 112 Hutchings St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

Redfield Proctor, North Main St. and 8 Thacher St., Wd. 6, artificial stone.

City of Boston, Library Department, cor. Norfolk & Washington Sts., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

Elizabeth L. Kelley, et als., 27, 31, 35, 39, 34, 36, 38 Claybourne St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

F. E. Johnston, 253-5 Harold St., Wd. 21, artificial stone.

Annie L. Dunbar, 64 Thetford Ave., Wd. 24.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. O'TOOLE, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall (recommending that leave to use the hall be granted) as follows:—

A. O. H., Suffolk County, evening of Nov. 20.

Congregation Beth Jacob, afternoon and evening of Dec. 4.

Department of Mass., G. A. R., evening of Feb. 14 and day of Feb. 15, 1905.

Public School Association, Dec. 9, at noon.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:—

(1) Reports recommending that leave to project signs, etc., be granted in accordance with the following petitions:—

Louis Backer, (referred Oct. 17), a sign, at 6 State St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Lefkovich, (referred Oct. 17), a sign, at 204 Friend St., Wd. 6.

G. Colucci & Co., (referred Oct. 17), a cloth sign, at 253 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Ruberti, (referred Oct. 17), a sign at 109 Prince St., Wd. 6.

C. Zevitas, (referred Oct. 17), an electric reflector from sign at 414 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

M. A. Walsh, (referred today), a sign, 847 Harrison Ave., Wd. 12.

Joseph Ruberti, (referred today), a sign, 109 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Dominick Iannarone, (referred today), a wooden sign, at 10 State St., Wd. 6.

Robert Leebor, (referred today), a sign at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Ruth T. Sears, (referred Sept. 26), for leave to locate cellar bottom of building 424-426 Beacon St. at grade 11.75—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of David Mancovitz, (referred today), for leave to project a bay window from building 238 Chambers St., Wd. 8—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That a special committee, to consist of five members of this Board, be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a municipal electric light or gas plant, or both, and to recommend such action as they may deem advisable for that purpose.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove trees as follows:—One from in front of 1432 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24, one from in front of 17 King St., Wd. 24, and one from in front of 16 Westville St., Wd. 20; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

POLES ON MAIN ST., CHARLESTOWN.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That notice be given to the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company that this board will, on Monday, the 7 day of November, 1904, at three o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of ordering the relocating or removal of the poles of said company on Main St., Charlestown, between City Sq. and the Somerville line, at which time the said company or its agents will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Referred to Committee on Public Improvements.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned at 6:27 P.M., on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to meet on Monday, Oct. 31, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Boston, Oct. 27, 1904.
Regular meeting of the Common
Council in the Council Chamber, City

Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President
Dolan in the chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will
be in order.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr.
President, I rise to a point of order,
that there is no quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will
rule the point of order well taken. The
Council stands adjourned to meet next
Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Oct. 31, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding and all the members present.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN

Thirty-six traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court, November 14, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514, Acts of 1894, viz:—

Charles F. Whittemore, Wd. 1; James M. Morrison, Wd. 21; Lewis Wheeler, Wd. 18; Thomas Salthouse, Wd. 13; Edward J. Dougher, Jr., Wd. 7; Andrew T. McNamara, Wd. 25; Matthew P. Callanan, Wd. 16; Eugene H. Clapp, Wd. 11; George T. Holm, Wd. 3; Jeremiah O'Connor, Wd. 20; Charles M. Marshall, Wd. 10; John H. Goss, Wd. 6; Alexander J. Lang, Wd. 13; John Kuhlman, Wd. 23; Frederick A. F. Page, Wd. 1; Joseph Thorley, Wd. 16; Joseph W. Quinn, Wd. 5; Charles E. Jackson, Wd. 1; George W. Benedict, Wd. 25; Arthur Rich, Wd. 16; John J. Murphy, Wd. 11; John T. West, Wd. 20; Dennis McGonagle, Wd. 6; Morrill W. Arkerson, Wd. 25; Calvin E. Scoville, Wd. 9; Edward C. Keegan, Wd. 17; Gustave A. Kanz, Wd. 22; George W. Terrell, Wd. 11; Albert O. Black, Wd. 20; Lewis Eddy, Wd. 24; Gustav A. Quiring, Wd. 10; James E. Copeland, Wd. 1; George W. Nolan, Wd. 25; Christopher J. Lavery, Wd. 15; C. Irving Swan, Wd. 24; John Trainor, Wd. 16.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAIRS—VETO

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston Mass., Oct. 31, 1904.

To the City Council:

I return without my approval an order authorizing the City Engineer to construct stairs from Summer st. to A st. and providing for the payment of the expense thereof from the appropriation for Broadway Bridge.

My only reason for withholding my approval is that, under the provisions of the statute in reference to the rebuilding of Broadway Bridge (Stat. 1900, Chap. 452), the amounts contributed by the railway companies and the proceeds of the bonds which the statute authorized the city to issue, cannot be used for any other purpose than raising the Broadway Bridge and building new approaches thereto.

It is strongly urged that such stairs as are contemplated in the order returned herewith are necessary for the convenience of the traveling public, and the city engineer is of the opinion that the city would be amply justified in making the small expenditure requisite for that purpose; but it will be necessary to provide the means in some other way.

I find that, owing to the fact that the city was able to obtain the steel required in rebuilding the bridge on Shawmut Av. at an especially low price, there will, in the opinion of the city engineer, be left in the appropriation made for that purpose a balance of at least \$2000. I therefore recommend that \$2000 be transferred from the appropriation for rebuilding the bridge at Shaw-

mut Av. to an appropriation for stairs from Summer St. to A St.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be transferred from the appropriation for rebuilding the bridge on Shawmut Av. over the railroad tracks to an appropriation for "Stairs from Summer St. to A St."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz:—

David H. Posner, two arc lights, at 23-25 School St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Leary, an illuminated sign, at 96 Union street, Wd. 6.

Samuel Bornstein, hooks for clothing, at 178 Pleasant St., Wd. 10.

Louis Goldberg, a sign, at 323 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Marshall Thompson, a campaign transparency, at 181 Cambridge St., cor. Garden St., Wd. 11.

David Keller, a sign, at 45 Cabot St., Wd. 18.

Public School Association, a transparency, at 11 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

August Krebs, a boot sign, at 100 Park St., W. R.

Augustus Hodgdon, M.D., sign, cor. Sycamore and Ashland Sts., Wd. 23.

D. Shikes & Co. (two), sign, 252 Washington St., Wd. 6.

The Valley Club, transparency, 1483 Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

Alfred Nettle, illuminated sign, 777 Washington St.

Lipman Sigel, sign, 72 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Claims.

William H. Sayward, for compensation for damages to property on Sayward place, caused by the alleged defective condition of sewer in Woodward street.

Electric Wires.

Remonstrance of James W. Austin against the erection of poles by the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company on Harvard street.

Petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, viz:—

For leave to erect two poles on Reading street, between Southampton and Island streets, Ward 17.

For leave to erect two poles on Roseclair street, between Dorchester avenue and St. Margaret street, Ward 16.

Licenses.

Charles J. Rich, for a permit for Arthur Willmore, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis-Street Theatre, for four weeks beginning October 31, 1904.

Samuel Sidman, for a hearing on his petition (vetoed by the Mayor) for a license for amusements at 46 Stillman street.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre, on the evenings of November 13, 20, 27.

Emergency Hospital, for a license for a Sunday concert at Music Hall, Winter street, on the evening of November 6.

Jacob Silbert, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Hub Theatre, Washington street, corner Dover street, on the evening of October 30.

South End Hebrew Free School, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Hub Theatre for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Emma A. Greeley, for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Thespian

Hall, 163 Massachusetts avenue, for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Caroline M. Post, for a license for musical, literary, dancing and whist entertainments at Pierce Hall, Copley Sq., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Marshall Thompson, for license for musical and dancing entertainments at hall corner of N. Russell and Cambridge Sts., for season ending August 1, 1905.

Boston Music Hall Amusement Co., for season license for musical, dramatic and vaudeville entertainments at Music Hall.

John J. Busch, for license for an automobile barge route, with a stand in front of the Granary burying ground, through Tremont and Boylston Sts. and Commonwealth and Massachusetts Aves.

George W. Magee, manager, for permit for Lottie Johnson and five other children, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House for the week of October 31.

Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris, for permit for David Finley, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at Park Theatre for two weeks beginning November 7, 1904.

The Progress Group, for concert Sunday evening, November 6, 1904, at Paine Memorial Hall.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for use of Faneuil Hall, viz.: Republican City Committee, Monday, Nov. 7, at noon.

Henry B. Blackwell, Friday, Nov. 4, and Monday, Nov. 7, from 12 M. to 1 P.M.

Public Improvements.

George A. Fuller Co., to erect one guy post in W. Newton st. and to stretch guy ropes over W. Newton, Falmouth and Belvidere sts., Wd. 10.

George A. Carpenter, to place patent sidewalk covers over areas at 1-3 West st. and 501-9 Washington st, Wd. 7; also two coal hole openings.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

J. Krinsky and B. Cohen, 47 No. Marglin st., Wd. 6; Lorin F. Deland, 231 Bay State Road., Wd. 11.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of B. E. Brewster for license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in rear of 344 Talbot Ave., Wd. 20.

Not having advertised, in accordance with law, the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

2. On petition of Allen C. Jones for leave to project a marquee in front of the American House, 54 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

3. On petition of the Standard Oil Company of New York for license to erect and use oil tanks and pump-house at 250 Freeport St., Wd. 24.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, at the time this petition was presented there were also a number of remonstrances presented, and among them was one from the Savin Hill Improvement Association. Since then, the objections of that association have been withdrawn. There are remaining as objectors the Savin Hill Yacht Club and the Colonial Yacht Club.

Recommitted to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:

4. Seven poles on Gleason St., between Bradshaw and Harvard streets, Ward 20.

Thomas C. Bachelder, Esq., of 10 Tremont St., appeared representing himself, Dr. W. A. Paul, G. Maybury, C. F. Kidder, J. M. Deane, C. T. Nowell, H. A. Johnson, H. G. Holmes, Rev. W. T. Beale, Harvard Congregational Church and Alpheus Sanford.

Councilman Bell also appeared and remonstrated against the erection of the proposed poles.

Ald. HENNESSEY also presented a written remonstrance from Alpheus Sanford, 70 Kilby St.

No further objections. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. Three poles on Bradlee St., near School St., Wd. 20.

Councilman BELL also appeared and objected, on behalf of the residents of Bradlee St., to the erection of the proposed poles.

A number of the residents were also present. No further objections. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. Two poles on Greenbrier St., near Tonawanda St., Wd. 20.

Councilman BELL appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles, on behalf of the residents upon the street.

Mr. Preston B. Ruynan of 42 Greenbrier St. also appeared and objected.

No further objections. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. Three poles on Alban street, near Welles av., Wd. 24.

Augustus Nickerson, 60 Alban st., Mary S. Hartford, Fanny C. York, 71 Alban st., and Daniel O. S. Lowell, of 76 Alban st., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objection. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Three poles on Stanton st., near Evans st., Wd. 24.

Charles A. Ufford, 240 Norfolk st., appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles, also stating that there were others present who objected.

No further objections. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

9. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company for leave to erect three poles on Harvard street, between Devens street and Harvard square, Wd. 5.

Eliza A. Poole, 74 Broadway, Chelsea; Patrick Shanahan, 50 Harvard street; R. L. Robbins, attorney for Elizabeth H. Little, and Representative Maurice J. Powers, severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommitted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Chair next took, under unfinished business, the following:

10. Action on the appointment of Jeremiah A. Twomey as a constable, for the term ending April 30, 1905, in place of William B. Handy, who has resigned.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. QUIGLEY and BROMBERG. Whole number of ballots, 12; yes, 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

PROJECTIONS—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

In the following petitions for leave to project balconies and awnings, viz.:
Henry B. Williams, 14, balconies, 73 Hemenway St.

Trustees under will of D. W. Williams, permanent awnings, one at 24 Blackstone St. and one at junction Blackstone and Clinton Sts., Wd. 6.

Orders of notice were passed for hearings thereon on Monday, November 14, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

A schedule was received from the Superintendent of Streets giving the cost of constructing gravel sidewalks in front of estates on Dorchester Ave. to the amount of \$1632.57, recommending the passage of an order that the persons named in the within schedule be and they hereby are charged and assessed with one-half the sums set to their respective names as their proportional parts of the cost of constructing said sidewalks to the amount of \$816.28, and the same is ordered to be certified, and notice given to the parties aforesaid.

The order was passed.

SIDEWALK, HARRIS ST.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along both sides of Harris St., between Hanover and North Sts., Wd. 6, in front of the estates bordering thereon, said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of Chap. 457 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PRICES

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this board to petition the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to order the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to reduce the price of electric light furnished the City of Boston fifty per cent., and to other consumers twenty-five per cent.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, the board voted, at 3.42 P.M., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman, at 5.47 P.M.

LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to eight newsboys.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that amusement licenses be granted for the season ending August 1, 1905, in accordance with the following petitions:

Caroline M. Post, for musical, literary, dancing and whist entertainment at Pierce Hall, Copley Sq.

Emma A. Greeley, for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Thespian Hall, 168 Massachusetts Ave.

Lillian M. Harvey, for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Lauriat Hall, 170 Lauriat Ave.

Frederick F. Smith, for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at hall, 169 Cambridge St.

Boston Music Hall Amusement Company, for musical, dramatic and vaudeville entertainments, at Music Hall.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that licenses for Sunday evening concerts be granted in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):

Jacob Silbert, on Oct. 30, at the Hub Theatre, Washington St., corner Dover St.

Progress Groupe, on Nov. 6, at Paine Memorial Hall.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports recommending that permits be given for children under 15 years of age to appear at theatres, in accordance with the following petitions:

Charles J. Rich, for Arthur Wilmore to appear at the Hollis St. Theatre, for four weeks, beginning today.

Charles Frohman, Rich and Harris, for David Finley to appear at the Park Theatre for two weeks, beginning Nov. 7.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions:

Moorehouse & Graham (referred Sept. 12), an illuminated sign, at 304 Warren St., Wd. 21.

W. H. Magrath (referred Sept. 12), an electric sign, at 2 Howard St., Wd. 6.

George H. Hicks (referred Sept. 26), an electric sign, at 201 Portland St., Wd. 8.

William H. Richardson Co. (referred Oct. 17), an illuminated sign, at 388 Washington St., Wd. 7.

G. Kourouy (referred Sept. 26), two gas arc lamps, at 162 Court St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with petitions (severally referred today), viz.

Public School Association, a transparency at 11 Bowdoin St., Wd. 20.

Marshall Thompson, a campaign transparency, at 184 Cambridge St., corner Garden St., Wd. 11.

Louis Goldberg, a sign at 323 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Augustus Hodgdon, M. D., a sign, corner Sycamore and Ashland Sts., Wd. 23.

August Krebs, a boot sign, at 100 Park St., West Roxbury.

Joseph Leary, an illuminated sign, at 96 Union St., Wd. 6.

David Keller, a sign at 45 Cabot St., Wd. 18.

The Valley Club, a transparency at 1488 Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

D. Shikes & Co., two signs at 252 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Alfred Nettle, an illuminated sign at 777 Washington St.

Lipman Sigel, a sign at 72 Prince St., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports recommending that leave be granted to use Faneuil Hall in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today):

Republican City Committee, on Monday, Nov. 7, at noon.

Henry B. Blackwell, on Friday, Nov. 4, only (petitioner also requested permission for Nov. 7 from 12 M. to 1 P.M.).

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1.) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred today) vetoing order providing that expense of stairs from Summer st. to A. st. be charged to the appropriation for Broadway Bridge, and recommending the passage in lieu thereof, of an order transferring \$2000 from the appropriation for rebuilding the Shawmut Avenue Bridge to an appropriation for "Stairs from Summer St. to A St."—recommending that the veto be sustained, and that the order recommended in the message be passed.

The question first came on the passage of the original order directing the City Engineer to build said steps, and to charge the expense thereof to the appropriation for Broadway Bridge, the objection of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The original order failed of passage, the vote on passing it being, yeas 0, nays 11.

The order recommended in the message of the Mayor, providing for the transfer of \$2000 from the appropriation for Shawmut Avenue Bridge to an appropriation for "stairs from Summer St. to A St." was passed, yeas 11, nays 0. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of J. Krinsky, et al. (referred today) for artificial stone sidewalk at 47 North Margin St., Wd. 6—recommending the passage of an order directing the Superintendent of streets to build an artificial stone sidewalk in front of the said estate, said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, the owner to furnish said material.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue permits to the following persons for the purposes named, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions of the ordinances of the city relating thereto:

George A. Fuller Company, to erect one guy post, with ropes attached on West Newton street, westerly side, near the fence of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, and to stretch wires from private lands over and across West Newton, Falmouth and Belvidere Sts., Wd. 10, for use during the erection of a building.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on order (referred today) that the mayor be requested to petition the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to order the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to reduce the price of electric light furnished the city of Boston 50 per cent and to other consumers 25 per cent—recommending the passage of the same.

Report accepted; said order passed.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw:

Morris Glaserman (referred July 11), for compensation for personal injuries caused by collapse of wall on city land on Langdon St.

Max Hurvitz (referred July 11), for compensation for damage to property caused by collapse of wall on city land on Langdon St.

Reports severally accepted.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred today), for leave to erect poles on Reading St., Wd. 17, and Roseclair St., Wd. 16—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Nov. 14, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (recommitted Oct. 3), for leave to erect poles—recommending the passage of the following:

ORDERED. That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Marcella St., between Washington and Ritchie Sts., Wd. 22, No. of poles, 4; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, August 19, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

WASTE PAPER DUMP, FOREST HILLS ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets discontinue the dumping of waste paper at Forest Hills St., Wd. 22, and have the garbage collected in the West Roxbury District not less than twice each week, during the coming winter months.

Passed.

SKATING PLACES, WDS. 22 AND 23.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Park Commissioners prepare, for flooding for skating, Marcella St. Playground, Wd. 22, Washington St. Playground, Rosindale Playground and Billings Field Playground, Wd. 23; the expense of same to be taken from the appropriation for parks.

Passed. Sent down.

RAILWAY CONVENIENCE STATIONS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order, That the Boston Transit Commission be requested, through His Honor the

Mayor, to approve only such plans for stations in the new subway and on the proposed elevated railway extension to Forest Hills as contain provisions for public convenience stations.

Passed.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove from Third St. two trees standing in front of estate numbered 50 P street; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

STONEHURST ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order— That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction of Stonehurst St., Wd. 20, as a public highway of the City of Boston.

Passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. WHELTON moved to reconsider the action, taken on all petitions, orders, reports, and so forth, submitted today, hoping that the same would not prevail.

The motion was lost.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. O'TOOLE, at 5.57 P.M., to meet on Monday, Nov. 7, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Meeting of the Common Council,
Thursday, November 3, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common
Council in the Council Chamber, City
Hall, at 7.45 P. M., President Dolan in
the Chair.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an
order—That when this Council ad-

journs, it adjourn to meet subject to
the call of the Chair.

Passed.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr.
President, I rise to a point of order,
that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will
request the members of the Council to
rise and remain standing until counted.

The members did as requested.

The PRESIDENT—There being but
12 members present, the Chair will de-
clare the point of order well taken and
will rule that the Council stands ad-
journed to meet subject to the call of
the Chair.

Adjourned.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 7, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the aldermanic chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent, Ald. CURLEY.

The board voted, on motion of Ald. WHELTON, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

STATUE OF JOHN WINTHROP

The following was received:

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., November 3, 1904.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a vote of the Board of Art Commissioners, approved by me, relocating the statue of John Winthrop and placing it upon the lot of land on Marlboro street recently conveyed to the City of Boston by the First Church in Boston.

I recommend that this vote be placed in your files.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, in Board of Art Commissioners.

October 12, 1904.

WHEREAS, It has become necessary to relocate the statue of General Joseph Warren, which formerly stood in Scollay sq., on account of the changes necessitated in said square by the construction of the East Boston tunnel;

WHEREAS, The First Church in Boston, a religious corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has, by a deed recorded in Suffolk Deeds, book 2986, page 289, conveyed to the City of Boston about 970 square feet of land, situated between the church building belonging to the said corporation and Marlborough street, in the part of Boston known as Back Bay, said conveyance being upon the condition that the premises conveyed shall be used only as an open grass plot and for placing and maintaining thereon the aforesaid statue of John Winthrop; therefore be it

VOTED, That the Statue of John Winthrop, which recently stood in Scollay sq., be relocated and placed upon the lot of land on Marlborough st., in the Back Bay District of Boston, conveyed to the City of Boston by the First Church in Boston by a deed dated June 27, 1904, and recorded in Suffolk Deeds, book 2986, page 289.

Samuel D. Warren,
J. T. Coolidge, Jr.,
Charles T. Gallagher,
A. W. Longfellow,
F. W. Chandler,

Board of Art Commissioners.

Approved, November 3, 1904.

P. A. Collins, Mayor.

Sent down.

RELEASE OF SEWER TAKING, DORCHESTER.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 7, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, together with his formal certificate that the right, taken in 1898, to construct

sewerage works in land of Lizzie T. Green, and of Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, located between Wrentham and Ashmont Sts., Dorchester, has not been made use of by the city, and that the city does not now intend to make use of the easement then taken.

Nothing was paid by the city for this easement, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying preambles and order releasing the easement, on condition that the city be discharged from all claims and damages on account of the said taking.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department.

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Nov. 3, 1904.
To the Mayor:—

In accordance with Chap. 294 of the Acts of 1901, I respectfully inclose herewith notice to the City Council that the land and easement now in my charge, taken from Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, is in my opinion no longer required for public purposes.

No money has been paid by the city on account of this taking.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

Street Department.

City Hall, Boston, Mass., Nov. 3, 1904.
To the City Council:—

The Superintendent of Streets, now having charge of certain land taken from Dorcas E. Wood, containing 600 square feet, more or less, and of certain other land taken from Delia Doherty, Administratrix, containing 1964 square feet, more or less, by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed July 26, 1898, and approved by the Mayor July 26, 1898, being parcels of land located between Shepard and Shannon Sts., in the Brighton district, hereby informs the City Council that in his opinion the easement taken in said land of said Dorcas E. Wood and of said Delia Doherty, Administratrix, as described in said taking, is no longer required for public purposes.

Respectfully,

James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston, in Board of Aldermen.
November 7, 1904.

WHEREAS, the Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed October 28, 1898, took, for the improvement of Tenean Creek, the right to construct sewerage works in certain land then belonging to Lizzie T. Green and to Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, and particularly described in said order; and

WHEREAS, The Superintendent of Streets, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right or easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

ORDERED, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the City and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right of easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made upon the consideration that said Lizzie T. Green, Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, or their legal representatives, shall release and discharge the City from all claims and demands for damages on account of said taking.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RELEASE OF SEWER TAKING,
BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., November 7, 1904.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, together with his formal certificate that the right, taken in 1898 from Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, Administratrix, to construct sewerage works in lands located between Shepard and Shannon Sts., Brighton, has not been made use of by the city, and that the city does not now intend to make use of the easement then taken.

Nothing was paid by the city for this easement, and I recommend the passage of the accompanying preamble and order releasing the easement, on condition that the city be discharged from all claims and damages on account of the said taking.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Street Department,
City Hall, Boston, Mass., Nov. 4, 1904.
To the Mayor:—

In accordance with Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, I respectfully inclose herewith notice to the City Council that the land and easement now in my charge, taken from Lizzie T. Green, Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, is in my opinion no longer required for public purposes.

No money has been paid by the city on account of this taking.

Respectfully,
James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

Street Department,
City Hall, Boston, Mass., Nov. 4, 1904.
To the City Council:

The superintendent of streets, now having charge of certain land taken from Lizzie T. Green, containing 1015 square feet, more or less, and of certain other land taken from Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, containing 2974 square feet, more or less, by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners passed Oct. 28, 1898, and approved by the mayor Oct. 28, 1898, being parcels of land eight (8) feet in width, extending from Shelton (now Wrentham) St. to Ashmont St., in the Dorchester district, hereby informs the City Council that in his opinion the easement taken in said land of said Lizzie T. Green and of said Edmund A. Whitman and said W. Parker Morse, as described in said taking, is no longer required for public purposes.

Respectfully,
James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

City of Boston, in Board of Aldermen,
November 7, 1904.

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed July 26, 1898, for the purpose of making an improvement of Shepard Brook, took the right to construct sewerage works in certain lands then supposed to belong to Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, and respectively described in said order; and

Whereas, The Superintendent of Streets, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right or easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

Ordered, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right or

easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made upon the consideration that said Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, or their legal representatives, shall release and discharge the city from all claims and demands for damages on account of said taking.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SALE OF STEAMER "BRADLEE."

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Nov. 7, 1904.
To the City Council:—
I transmit herewith a communication from the Penal Institutions Commissioner stating that the "Monitor," the new steamer designed to take the place of the "J. Putnam Bradlee," is now in commission, and that the Department therefore has no further use for the "Bradlee."

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the Commissioner to dispose of the "Bradlee" on the best terms obtainable. The sooner the boat is disposed of, the sooner the city will be relieved of the expense of storing and caring for a vessel for which it has no further use.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Penal Institutions Department,
Nov. 7, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor:—
Sir:—The new steamer "Monitor" is now in commission, doing the work of the departments, and there is no further use of the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee." I would respectfully suggest that she be disposed of.

Respectfully yours,
John B. Martin, Commissioner.

City of Boston, in Board of Aldermen,
November 7, 1904.

ORDERED: That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be authorized to sell, at public auction or otherwise, with the approval of the Mayor, the old steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"; the "Monitor," the new steamer designed to take the place of the "Bradlee" being now in commission.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements on Motion of Ald. QUIGLEY.

POLICE SIGNAL PENSION BILL—
VETO.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., November 2, 1904.
To the City Council:—
I return without my approval your order purporting to accept Chapter 402 of the acts of the Legislature of 1904, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Pension Members of Its Police Signal Service." An order of equal tenor and in precisely the same terms was passed by the Board of Aldermen on June 27 and by the Common Council on August 4, 1904, and was vetoed by me on August 13, last, in the following language:

"The present pension system covers all police officers, and rests upon a reason or principle not necessary here to recite, but which does not in any sense apply to men that are not policemen. The men employed in the police signal service are not policemen, and are not exposed to any of the risks or hazards that policemen undergo, and they are no more entitled to be embraced in the pension system than other 'linemen' or the men employed in the Wire Department or thousands of others employed in the city ser-

vice. These men are compensated liberally, as compared with other city employees, and especially as compared with men doing similar service outside of the city employ. Their compensation ranges from \$1000 to \$2500 a year, and out of such salaries they ought to be able to lay up something for 'a rainy day,' as other men less favored do.

"I object most emphatically to the further extension of civil pensions to men who are not engaged in extra-hazardous employments. The city cannot afford it, and the men who are paid for services rendered must insure themselves."

I still adhere to the judgment then expressed, and as the City Council supported my judgment by not passing the order over my veto, I contend that its power to deal with the subject came to an end. I do not believe that the same body of men, having once definitely dealt with a subject, can again revive it during the same term of office, either looking at it from a parliamentary or from a legal standpoint.

The Legislature was persistently lobbied to pass this act, and perhaps no order has been more vigorously pushed both in the City Council, in the newspapers and in the Mayor's Office than this; but the act and order commit the city to a public policy so unsound that its danger must be constantly kept in mind.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND.

SIGN ON TREE—VETO.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., November 4, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval a vote of your Board giving permission to Augustus Hodgdon, M. D., to place a sign on a tree or post at the corner of Sycamore and Ashland sts., Wd. 23. The vote is contrary to the provisions of Chapter 352 of the Acts of 1885, and is therefore illegal.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:—

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:—

Thomas J. Morrissey, an electric light, at 667 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

Edward Remer, a sign, at 89 Border St., Wd. 2.

Codman Hall & Co. (two petitions) a sign at 643 Atlantic Ave., and a sign, at 647 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Cleveland Foundry Co., a V sign, at 100 North St., Wd. 6.

J. Jos. Sullivan, a corner sign, corner School and Washington Sts., Wd. 6.

Daniel J. Flood, an illuminated sign, at 161 Court St., Wd. 6.

Boston Music Hall Amusement Co., an illuminated sign, at 450 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank Meglio, an illuminated sign, at 155 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Wyman Lunch Co., an electric sign, at 16 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

A. E. Covelle & Co., an illuminated sign, at 128A Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Fred Preston, an illuminated sign, at 594 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

W. J. Barber, an illuminated sign, at 50 Berkeley St., Wd. 10.

Thomas Decerto, a gas arc lamp, at 49 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Claims.

Charles K. Emery, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Atlantic Ave.

Electric Wires.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect four poles on Southern Ave., Wd. 24.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:—

James E. Watson, on the evening of Nov. 4.

Democratic State Committee, on Nov. 3.

The Music Trustees, on the evening of Dec. 23.

Election Commissioners, day and evening of Nov. 21.

Licenses.

F. R. Burton, for a permit for Waubunosa, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at Chickering Hall, Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

City Point Benevolent Association, for license for a Sunday concert on Dec. 18, at Gray's Hall, South Boston.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for license for Sunday concerts at the Columbia Theatre, on the evenings of Nov. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, 1904.

Benjamin Siskowsky, director, for license for Sunday concerts during balance of season at Hub Theatre.

Emergency Hospital, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Boston Theatre, on the evening of Nov. 12.

Petitions for amusement licenses for the season ending ug. 1, 1905, viz.:—

New England Conservatory of Music, at Jordan Hall, Huntington Ave. and Gainsboro St.

Catholic Union of Boston, at Catholic Union Hall, Worcester Sq.

Knights of St. Rose Corporation, at Knights of St. Rose Hall, 17 Worcester St.

Samuel Sidman, at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St.

John Williams, for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington st., for one month, beginning Nov. 9, 1904.

Emergency Hospital, for license to give concerts Sunday evenings during season ending Aug. 1, 1905, at Boston Music Hall.

Public Improvements.

William J. Miller et als., for edgestones on John A. Andrew st., Wd. 22.

A. B. H. Chapin, for leave to lay an iron pipe under sidewalk at 112 Savin Hill ave., Wd. 20.

John C. Carter, for leave to place an 18-inch iron grating in sidewalk at 10-12 West st., Wd. 7.

George W. Harvey Co., for leave to erect guy posts, with ropes—one on Beacon st, and one on Somerset st., Wd. 6.

Estate of Samuel Salisbury heirs, for leave to place patent sidewalk covers over areas at 50 Temple pl., Wd. 7.

George A. Hibbard, custodian, for leave to construct two coal holes in sidewalk on Devonshire St., in front of the Post Office, Wd. 6.

O'Neil & Sons, for leave to lay an iron pipe under and across the sidewalk at 1397 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:—

Lorin F. Deland, 231 Bay State Rd., Wd. 11.

Ansel McCarrison, et al., 92 P St., and on E. Fourth St., Wd. 14.

Samuel W. Johnson, 61-63 Q St., Wd. 4.

Clarence A. Bickford, 104 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

R. E. Plummer, Jr., 111 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

William Gordon, 72-74 Dix St., Wd. 24.

HEARING AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Higgins & Scarr, for leave to project two bay-windows from building 1091 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20. No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Charles Neszery, for leave to project two bay windows from building on southerly side of Hillside St., between Wait and Darling Sts., Wd. 19—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

PETROLEUM LICENSE—ORDER OF NOTICE

On the petition of Joseph Gallagher for a license to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 43 Everett St., East Boston—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 28, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Jeremiah A. Twomey, after having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received by the Board.

Approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF LOCATION.

A communication was received from the West End Street Railway Company accepting an order authorizing the attachment of wires to a pole of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston on Southampton St.

Placed on file.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today), for the use of Faneuil Hall—that leave be granted, viz.:

Election Commissioners, day and evening of November 21.

Democratic State Committee, November 3.

The Music Trustees, evening of December 28.

James A. Watson, evening of November 4.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

Joseph Leahy (referred September 12), for injuries received from an alleged defect on Huntington Ave. bridge.

Jacob Schwartz (referred May 23), for compensation for damage to property caused by defective sewer on Albion St.

Reports severally accepted. Sent down.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of November, 1904.

Report accepted; order passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

Report on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (referred today), for leave to erect four poles on Southern Ave., Wd. 24—recommending the passage of an order of notice for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 21, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

Report accepted; order of notice passed.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1.) Report recommending that minors' licenses be granted to 10 news-boys and one vender.

Report accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2.) Reports recommending that licenses for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, be granted in accordance with the following petitions:

L. H. Mudgett, manager (referred Aug. 1), musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments, at Symphony Hall, Huntington and Massachusetts aves.

Marshall Thompson (referred Oct. 30), for musical and dancing entertainments, at hall corner North Russell and Cambridge sts.

George H. Batcheller, for musical, dramatic and variety shows at Lyceum Theatre, 665-7 Washington st.

Ernest R. Buffinton, manager (referred Oct. 24), for theatrical entertainments, concerts and lectures, at the Dudley Street Opera House.

Paine Memorial Corporation (referred Aug. 1), for dances, concerts, conventions, weddings, whist parties, etc., in Paine Memorial building, 9 Appleton st.

F. W. Strickland (referred Aug. 1), for dancing school and social entertainments, at 1031 Washington st.

Jos. J. Motekites (referred Oct. 10), for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments, at Broadway Extension Hall, 166 Broadway Extension.

Earl W. Masters (referred Oct. 24), for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Arcade Hall, 7 Park Sq.

Wesley J. Furlong (referred Aug. 1), for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Shaw Veteran Association Hall, 99 Cambridge St.

Patrick Kelleher (referred Oct. 24), for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Kelleher's Hall, 445 Neponset Ave.

Knights of St. Rose Corporation (referred today), for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Knights of St. Rose Hall, 17 Worcester St.

Catholic Union of Boston (referred today), for musical, dancing and whist entertainments at Catholic Union Hall, Worcester Sq.

New England Conservatory of Music (referred today), for musical, literary and dramatic entertainments at Jordan Hall, Huntington Ave. and Gainsboro St.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of City Point Benevolent Association (referred today), for license for a Sunday concert on December 18 at Gray's Hall, South Boston—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of F. R. Burton (referred today), for permit for Wau-binos, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at Chickering Hall, November 9, 10 and 11—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted; permit granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on petition of L. H. Mudgett, Mgr. (referred Oct. 10), for license for an automobile exhibition at Symphony Hall for one week beginning March 14, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Emergency Hospital (referred today), for license to give concerts Sunday evenings during the season ending August 1, 1905, at Boston Music Hall—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(7) Report on petition of Emergency Hospital (referred Oct. 31), for license for a Sunday concert at Music Hall, Winter St., on evening of Nov. 6, 1904—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(8) Report on petition of John Williams (referred today), for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Colonial Hall, 995 Washington St., for one month, beginning Nov. 9, 1904—that a license be granted.

Ald. Bresnahan dissents from the report.)

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, upon the question of accepting the report of the committee, I would like to say this, that there has been considerable discussion and criticism in regard to this hall, and I desire to dissent from the report of the committee. In order to ascertain what the feeling of the members is in regard to the matter, I would ask for a roll call.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the License Committee I object to having this referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. I think we have had all the light upon that subject that is necessary. Unless the gentleman from Wd. 9 (Ald. Bowen) can give us a little more information upon the subject, or thinks he can do so, I respectfully ask that the roll be called at this time.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, my only reason for moving reference to the Committee on Public Improvements is this. His Honor the Mayor vetoed the leave granted under the original petition put in by some gentleman whose name I have quite forgotten; but this petition is presented by a gentleman by the name of Williams, who is a member of an organization to which I belong in Wd. 9, and a reputable citizen. I think, in justice to him—although the police did come before the committee and say that the hall has not been properly conducted in the past—this gentleman who now comes in should be given an opportunity to show that he is able to conduct the hall in a proper manner. I admit that in days gone by this was not a proper resort for people to frequent; but, as I have just said, that is no reason why this gentleman cannot conduct a proper place. He has, I understand, obtained a lease for three years and put out \$200 or \$300; and I think it is not fair for us to pass upon the matter today without at least granting him a public hearing. That is the reason why I ask the gentlemen of the Board to refer the matter to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, in regard to the statements made by the gentleman from Wd. 9, I would like to say this. In considering the matter of the granting of a license for this hall the committee took into consideration this gentleman, Mr. Williams, past connection with the hall.

They found that he has had something to do with this hall in the past, in connection with the advertising, and so forth. Therefore, while it might under some circumstances not make so much difference whether the hall has had a bad reputation in the past or not, the fact is that Mr. Williams has had something to do with it in the past, and I don't know that he will do any better in the future.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I sincerely hope the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements will prevail. It is true that the Committee on Licenses have perhaps had whatever light is necessary on the subject; but I, as one member of the Board, have now heard about this matter for the first time. I believe I am entitled to a little light upon the matter, too, and if I cannot get it in open board, I believe I should in public improvements. For that reason I believe it should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I just want to say one word to correct the gentleman from South Boston (Ald. Bresnahan), I repeat that Mr. Williams never had anything whatsoever to do with the running of Colonial Hall. I tell you that, Mr. Chairman, and I want to tell the members of this Board that this fight has just simmered down to a question of friendship between two men. The alderman from South Boston has been interested in a gentleman, who is a splendid fellow, and I am interested in this gentleman, because he is from my ward, is a member of the same organization that I am, and has the support of the organization to which I belong. I think it is only fair that the matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements so that we may grant him a public hearing and hear what he has to say.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, while I have the utmost respect for the gentleman from Wd. 9 and for his organization, to which he says the gentleman who is the lessee of this hall belongs, when he stands on the floor of this board and says it is simply a question between his friend and the friend of the alderman from South Boston as to who should be the licensee of this hall, I object to that statement. I am a member of the Committee on Licenses and am not interested in Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Jackson or any other man who may be the lessee of this hall. I am simply against this hall on general principles. I have been into this hall. I am not a habitue of dances. I am not against them, but I had heard so many arguments as a member of the Committee on Licenses this year against certain places that I took it into my head, as a member of the Board of Aldermen—not pretending to a standard of morals above that of any other member of the board—to go to this place on two or three occasions to see how it was run. I have had letters from the clergy of that district of all denominations against this dance hall. In my opinion this dance hall has been a den of iniquity and a worse den than any place in the city of Boston; a den much worse than the Haymarket of New York or the Midway of Chicago or St. Louis. This place is frequented—and I know what I am talking about—by a class of young girls, thirteen, fourteen and fifteen years of age, who frequent the hall nightly in order to meet certain young men who come from certain places in Boston. Yes—and I will declare openly in this board that they are there for the sole purpose of procuring girls for houses of ill-fame in this town. I know that men frequent that place who are called dope-fiends, who take young girls and procure them for houses of ill-fame in this town; and

I think it is time for this Board of Aldermen, without letting such matters go further and depending on the mayor to act as the sole sponsor of morals, to step in and act on its own account. Gentlemen, I had this hall called to my attention by clergymen and others, who wrote me to the effect that it was an abomination, an outrage, to have it going on. I was going by one night and saw a flaming placard to this effect: "Sporting night at Colonial Hall, 985 Washington St., from 9 P.M. to 3 A.M." I went into the hall, paying admission, so that the doorkeeper would not know me, and during the recess between the hours of 11 and 12 I saw men who were apparently Harvard students, well-dressed young men, who seemed to come from good families, and who were evidently there for but one purpose. You know that purpose. And, my friends, I saw girls of thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen years of age drinking from bottles in the corner, in that same hall. I ask the gentleman from Wd. 9, who says the man applying for this permission is a member of the same organization that he is, whether he still stands up here in favor of this hall being continued to carry out such immoral purposes as in the past?

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I want the gentleman from Roxbury to distinctly understand that I do not stand here to champion anything that is immoral. I am glad to know that the gentleman is thoroughly conversant with the dens of iniquity that exist in New York city. In all my visits to New York I never visited the Slide or the Haymarket or the others dens which this gentleman saw fit to mention on the floor of this board. I stand here defending a man who never had anything to do with the running of the hall, as it has been described. I say, give this man a chance. Suppose you had a piece of property and invested \$300 or \$400 in it and could not let it for any other purpose—how would you like to have any man or set of men step in here and say something that is untrue—that I say is untrue? I tell the gentleman from Roxbury now that the time to give that evidence was before the Committee on Licenses, when they gave a public hearing to the gentleman who had been refused a license. I say now, in all fairness, that I don't think the police of the district will object to this man, because he has a good character. Unfortunately, as some of you may think, he happens to be a poor Jew—that is all. If it had been somebody else who wanted the license, it would be a horse of another color. I say, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the board, that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and when it is there you can dispose of it as you see fit.

Ald. O'TOOLE—Mr. Chairman, it makes no material difference to me—and the gentleman from Wd. 9 knows that thoroughly—whether this man who is asking for a license for this hall is a Jew, an Armenian, an Irishman or a member of any other race. I think it is simply superfluous to go outside of the real question, to have a man stand on the floor of the Board of Aldermen and raise the cry of race prejudice in this matter. I am just as good a friend to the Jewish or any other race as is the alderman from Wd. 9; and, in regard to my being conversant with the Haymarket, in New York, I will simply ask the gentleman to read certain literature, certain books, in regard to New York, by Mr. Parkhurst, and he will find that he need not be more conversant with the matter than that in order to have a pretty good idea of it.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I

simply want to say a word in regard to Ald. Bowen's statement that this simmered down to a mere matter of friendship. It does not, as far as I am personally concerned. The Committee on Licenses at the beginning of the year considered this case. The application was made for the hall under the name of the same man that ran the hall last year, and who received a license from this board. That license was granted by the Board of Aldermen and vetoed by the Mayor. Afterwards several other applications came before the Committee on Licenses, and then there was a controversy as regards the morality of the hall itself. After that the Committee on Licenses found that the hall had been run in a very immoral manner in past years. As far as I am personally concerned today as a member of the Committee on Licenses or as a member of the Board of Aldermen, friendship will not enter into the question of granting a license for this hall either in favor of the man to whom a license was granted before the license being vetoed by the Mayor, or Mr. Williams. The gentleman says that Mr. Williams has had absolutely nothing to do with the hall in the past. I have it on good authority, what I consider good authority, that this man has been advertising agent for the hall, and he is the man who has distributed these tickets, these placards, referred to by Ald. O'Toole. I stand on that; I got that on good authority. I am perfectly satisfied that he has had something to do with the hall in the past. The gentleman stands here and makes an appeal to us to grant this license and give him a trial. I am against granting a license to any man to run the hall unless it can be shown beyond the shadow of a doubt, by the authority of police officers and others that the hall can be run in a proper manner and that it will not cater to those who have frequented it in the past. Unless there can be some such assurance no friendship for a gentleman in South Boston or any other part of the city will enter into the question with me. I hope we will take a vote upon the matter today, and that it will not be referred to the committee.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman from South Boston if, to his knowledge, Mr. Williams has ever applied for a license for this hall previous to this?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Not to my knowledge.

Ald. BOWEN—Then why do you stand here and say that he has been running the hall?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—I didn't say that he had been running the hall. I stated that he had had something to do with the hall, because I have heard that he was connected with the advertising, that he distributed such tickets as those Ald. O'Toole has referred to, and why should he do that unless he was interested in the running of the hall in some manner?

THE CHAIRMAN—The question is on reference to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before any disposition is made of the motion before the board, I would like to have the board vote to have the evidence submitted to the Committee on Licenses at the public hearing brought before it, so that we may have an intelligent understanding of the matter. I understand that the police were present before the committee and gave their evidence, and I would like to have some such action taken before we vote on this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN—Does the gentleman desire to have such evidence sent for before we take a vote to send the

matter to the Committee on Public Improvements?

Ald. WHELTON—If in order, I would like that done.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair does not know that there is any evidence upon this matter that can be obtained at any time. The Chair would state to the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Whelton) that a motion will be in order to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements and that any evidence in the matter that was brought out before the Committee might be produced before the Committee on Public Improvements. But to get the evidence before this body at this time would be practically impossible. We can give instructions to have the evidence procured and brought before the Committee.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I don't think there is any need of referring this matter to the Committee on Public Improvements. I don't know that the different members of this board have attended any of the dances at this hall to find out what was going on, in their official capacity; but I do feel that pretty nearly every member of the board has heard, or found out in some way or another, that this hall has not been run right and is not a proper place to license. I hope the matter will not go to the Committee on Public Improvements, but that we will take a vote upon it today in this board.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Committee on Licenses if he will give the Board of Aldermen as best he can from memory the names of those present at the hearing and objecting to the granting of the license?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, while this is a proceeding that is not gone through with on reports of any other committees, I want to say that Captain Lalor, of the station where this dance hall is, appeared before the committee and made a plain statement of facts. He stated pretty nearly everything that has been stated by the alderman from Wd. 18, and several other police officers who were there stated practically the same case. They said that the hall had not been run right, that young girls went up there and a great many were led astray through the hall; that a great many went from the hall into houses of ill-fame around town, and that it led to a great many other things that I don't even care to mention in the board, as they would not look proper in print. But the fact remains that the hall is not a fit place to license, and the alderman, I think, knows it as well as I do.

Ald. KNEELAND—Do I understand you to say that the captain of police said before the committee that young girls were taken from that hall and placed in houses of ill-fame in the city of Boston?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—I did not make that statement. I said that that was the starting of these girls into houses of ill-fame.

Ald. KNEELAND—May I ask the gentleman who made that statement?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Captain Lalor.

Ald. KNEELAND—He made the statement that young girls were taken from that hall and placed in houses of ill-fame?

Ald. BRESNAHAN—No, but he said, as a natural consequence of girls attending dances of that character, run in such a loose manner, that is where they wind up.

Ald. BOWEN—Mr. Chairman, I just wish to state for the information of the members of the board that the captain of the police officers of our division appeared before the Committee on Licenses and objected to the granting of the license to the man who ran the hall at that time. I admit that there is no

question about that, that the hall was not run in a proper manner. I admit all that, but not a single neighbor, not a single soul outside of the police, appeared before this committee, although they were asked to do so. I say, in justice to Mr. Williams, who has had nothing to do with the running of that hall, give him a trial. That is all. All that is asked for, to show that this is an honest matter, is that he shall be given a trial for one month. If my memory serves me right, that is all the petition asks for today—one month's license. If in that time he does not behave himself, we will say to him, "You cannot have a permanent license for that hall." He will be on trial. That is all I say. Why should Mr. Williams be made to suffer for the faults of somebody else? I say, in justice to the other members of the board, who have not had an opportunity to look into this matter, let it go to the Committee on Public Improvements. We can then send for the evidence submitted to the Committee on Licenses, and then pass favorably upon or defeat it today.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman who has just sat down if the present petitioner has never run this dance hall how can he expect to get any evidence before the Public Improvement Committee of the way in which the petitioner will conduct the hall?

Ald. BOWEN—That is all very true. I have merely stated that he should be given a chance for a month to show that he can run the hall in a proper manner. I don't say, however, that he is a novice at it, by any means. He has run other halls in the city, and has done all right. I simply say he should be given a chance, and that if he doesn't conduct the hall properly he should lose his license. I plead for him because he has \$200 or \$300 invested; and if you or I were in the same position we would not want to lose our money. That is all. He should not be made to suffer for what Tom, Dick or Harry has done.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. SLATTERY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question.

The CHAIRMAN—The Board has already acted on the motion.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—I thought the question of referring to the Committee on Public Improvements was under discussion.

The CHAIRMAN—It was, up to the time that the Chair put the motion.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—May I be allowed to ask a question of the gentleman from Wd. 9?

The CHAIRMAN—Under the rules of the board you are too late, but it may be allowed by unanimous consent.

Ald. BOWEN—I am ready to answer it.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Of course, I do not care to appeal from the decision of the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN—Well, as the Chair has already suggested he has no desire to shut the gentleman off. Acting under the rules of the board the Chair has declared the matter referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and the gentleman from South Boston (Ald. Slattery) has asked for a rollcall. While the Chair is solving the doubt, nothing else is in order. But if unanimous consent is given to ask the question, the Chair is perfectly willing that the gentleman should ask it.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM—Mr. Chairman, I simply want to ask the gentleman from Ward 9, one question. To his knowledge, has this Mr. Williams ever had any connection with the hall as it

was run before the license was taken away?

Ald. BOWEN—I am glad to answer the gentleman from the Back Bay, No, sir; he was only an employee, who sold tickets or did the advertising. He had absolutely nothing to do with the running of the hall; and, to show you, gentlemen of the board, that this Williams, who has applied for a license for the hall, must be a good man, I will simply say that he is the only one that could obtain that lease. There was not another one who might have made an application for the hall who could have obtained the lease from Mr. Shepard, the gentleman who owns the hall.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was lost, yeas 4, nays 7.

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Doyle, Kneeland—4.

Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, O'Toole, Slatery, Whelton—7.

The board refused to accept the report and grant the license, yeas 1, nays 10, Ald. Bowen voting yeas.

(9) Report on petition of John J. Busch (referred Oct. 31), for license for an automobile route, with a stand in front of the Granary Burying Ground, through Tremont and Boylston Sts. and Commonwealth and Massachusetts Aves.—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the clerk read that license for an automobile route.

(The Clerk read the report and license.)

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I move that that particular license lay over for one week.

The CHAIR—The Chair cannot entertain a motion of that kind, the body having already passed upon the matter.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I move a reconsideration of the vote just taken in reference to granting a license to Mr. John J. Busch for an automobile route.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the gentleman give some reason for wanting to have this matter laid over for one week.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I have been informed by reliable authority that the gentlemen who desire this license are not residents or citizens of Boston. I do not know myself whether they are or not, personally, but my authority seems to me very reliable. My attention was called to this matter, and I believe that, in courtesy to me this matter should be laid over for one week—particularly when we consider the fact that this corporation has been doing business in Boston illegally for the past six months or more. The Carriage & Cabdrivers' Union called my attention to the fact that this corporation was doing business illegally. I believe that that union is composed of reputable citizens, and that this matter will not lose anything by being assigned for one week—particularly when I called the attention of the members of the board to the fact that until the Carriage & Cabdrivers' organization got after this particular corporation, that corporation never thought it wise or necessary to come down here and ask for a license to do business. For that and other reasons, I ask the board to assign the matter for one week.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I have not any particular reason for asking to have this license granted today. It is simply a matter which was referred to the Committee on Licenses, and which the committee have considered it proper to grant. I have no particular objection to having the matter

laid over for a week. In regard to the argument used, that the gentlemen applying for the license do not live in Boston, I am frank to say that I do not know whether they do or not. All I know is that the petition is signed by a man named Bush. But I do not know that there is any argument to make against the granting of the license. We frequently grant licenses and other privileges to property holders in Boston who are residents of outside cities and towns and sometimes of outside states. We grant them permission to erect bay windows and to put up marquees. We also grant non-resident property holders permission to place areas under sidewalks, to change the grade of cellars, and a number of other things. It seems to me it is not a question of whether a man is a citizen of Boston, so much as it is one of how the matter is going to affect the citizens of our city. If there is any objectionable feature to the granting of this license, I am perfectly willing to have the matter lay over for a week.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I hope that reconsideration will not prevail. It does not strike me that there is anything in the argument presented by Ald. Kneeland which should change our opinion in reference to this matter. If a corporation wants to come into Boston and do business here for the benefit of the public at large, we ought to invite them to do so. I might go on and use the old argument about this providing an opportunity for labor. This certainly does. But I simply rely upon this argument that if the people of Boston want to see the beauties of this city by taking an automobile ride, it seems to me that, if we are in a position to make that possible, we ought to do so, and ought to grant the parties in question a license to care for the interests of the Cab Drivers' Union, or any other union; but it does not seem to me that I, in my official capacity, must wait until such time as they tell me whether this corporation ought or ought not to be allowed to do business in this city. I think I am possessed of sufficient intelligence to pass upon this matter myself, and I hope that the vote granting this license will not be reconsidered.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I want to say to the members of this board that this corporation has been doing business in the city of Boston, as I said before, for six months, without any license whatever. The reason for the license being asked for now is because the Carriage & Cabdrivers' organization have been chasing these people for three weeks or more, and have notified the police that they are doing an illegal business. They come in here now and ask for a license, and we propose to grant the license, although the Carriage & Cabdrivers' organization have never been notified of the fact that these people have made application for a license. I want to say to the alderman on my left (Ald. Whelton) that I believe I have gray matter enough under my hair to enable me to do my own thinking. I want to say to him that it is not a question of providing labor for the citizens of Boston. It is a question of granting a privilege to a corporation doing a business such as the street railway is doing, and doing that business in what I term a "sneak" way. It is proposed to give them the right to run automobiles through certain streets in this city, just the same as the street railway runs its cars through the streets. They are doing that today, and they will continue to do it next week, whatever the action of this board may be. The attention of the police authorities was called to the fact that

they were doing an illegal business; but, notwithstanding that fact, they now continue to carry on that business, and they will continue to do it next week. They have been doing this business all summer, and they will continue to do it until the police authorities stop them. It seems to me that if an individual who owned a cab went up Tremont St. tomorrow without any number on his cab and without having obtained any license from your state police commission, the police authorities would very quickly stop him from doing business; but when a foreign corporation comes in here, the alderman on my left says that we should grant them a license and provide an opportunity for the citizens of Boston to have an automobile ride. I repeat that it is not a question of giving the citizens of Boston an opportunity to have an automobile ride, because those who desire to have such a ride can have it next week, the same as they did last week, without any license from this board. The question is simply whether this matter will be laid over for one week, so that I may have an opportunity to bring the members of this organization before the Committee on Licenses and show the members of that committee why the license should not be granted. I do not know much about the organization of municipal government, but I do know that if a man had a dance hall petition in here, a hearing would be given, and all those interested would be invited to come down here and given any reasons they wished to why the license should be granted to that dance hall. Here comes a foreign corporation which desires to do business in our streets, and although people of my kind believe they are doing an illegal business, and want an opportunity to show that they are, there is not a word said about a public hearing. I want to say that if this vote is reconsidered, I propose to ask that the matter be assigned to the next meeting, and that the Committee on Licenses give a public hearing to all parties concerned, so that the citizens who desire to ride in automobiles may be heard, as well as those who believe that a foreign corporation hasn't any right to come in here and do business illegally until such time as a labor organization calls the attention of the authorities to the matter, and who think that the conduct of this corporation is such that it should not be granted this license. I am free to say that, personally, I do not know whether this license should be granted or not; but the people who are interested, and who say it should not be granted, should be given the same right as those people who object to dance halls are given.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, if I remember rightly, about two or three years ago we had an automobile route start somewhere in town here—going, I think, along Beacon St. or Commonwealth Av.—and after a certain length of time they withdrew. Now, I am not going to be at all scared by the cry about the Cab Drivers' Union, and I am not going to have it said in the Board of Aldermen that we have not given everybody a chance, and that everybody is against us. A business man or a corporation having sufficient money to conduct a legitimate business should have the right to do business in the City of Boston. I don't know a single individual connected with this corporation. I did not know that it was a corporation, and whether it is or not does not matter in the least to me. I am perfectly free to say that I believe it to be a legitimate commercial enterprise and I don't believe, as a member of the Board of Aldermen, that we should hinder the progress of any such business in the City of Boston.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I

would like to ask the gentleman a question—if he believes these people will go out of business if this license is not granted tonight, if the matter is laid on the table until the next meeting?

Ald. WHELTON—I don't know whether the people will go out of business tonight, tomorrow night or ten years from tonight. It makes little difference to me. In my opinion they ought to have it. I am not an attorney for the corporation or the person who asks for the privilege, and I cannot answer that question. But I do believe the license ought to be granted.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, after hearing the remarks of the alderman on my right and on my left, I would favor reconsideration—not favoring it because of the arguments presented by the alderman on my right (Ald. Kneeland) nor opposing it because of the argument of the alderman on my left (Ald. Whelton). But this petition is insufficient. It does not go into particulars as it should. As I understand it, it is a petition to start from the Granary Burying Ground. If I understand it, that was the terminus of the Boston Elevated road before the tracks were taken up on Tremont St. Now, if we are to consider favorably the petition of this corporation to run these very large automobiles, I think we should first know how often they are to be there and how many of them there are to be. We should know the details, because I don't think we should give them permission to block such a busy thoroughfare as that is in that particular place. So, with that in view, I would ask the alderman on my left (Ald. Whelton) to allow the matter to go over for one week.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, automobiles have been running from the Hotel Touraine and other places in Boston during the last year, and there has not been a single objection made to them to my knowledge. I appreciate full well the necessity of taking care of Tremont St., because it is a busy thoroughfare; but I have reason to believe that, if things are to be conducted in the future as in the past, there will be no greater objection to allowing the proposed starting point asked for in the present petition than there has been to allowing automobiles to start from the Hotel Touraine.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, let me say to the alderman on my left that there was a very grave objection to these automobiles starting from the Hotel Touraine; that they do not start today from the Hotel Touraine, notwithstanding the fact that they attempted to do so, because there is no room for them there and other people desire to drive their teams by there. There was objection made also by the hotel management. Let me say to the members of the Board of Aldermen that if they desire to take an automobile ride in those automobiles, they will take it from the Common, nearly opposite the Tremont Theatre—notwithstanding the advertisement that they start from the Hotel Touraine. The management of the Hotel Touraine offered an objection, a very serious objection, and they were removed from there to the Common without anybody's permission. My contention is that they will still continue to do this illegal business if the matter is laid over for a week. My contention is that it does not hurt the corporation itself or the people who desire to patronize the corporation to have it laid over for a week. My contention is that it is only fair to give the people who say it is not proper that this should be allowed a chance to appear before the Committee on Licenses and say what they know about the matter. When the matter comes

before the Board next week, we can then act upon it. There will be nothing lost to the corporation that my friend is so much interested in. Its business will still continue, and it will lose no money. The people will continue to pay for their automobile rides. But it will give citizens and taxpayers of Boston a right to come before the committee—a right which I, as a citizen, say they should have. I think it is only fair that we should take care of the citizens and taxpayers first, and afterwards of the visitors who may come to our city. I think it is only right and just that this matter should be reconsidered. I don't think it is fair for this Board of Aldermen to say what shall or shall not be done without having a public hearing on the matter. I cannot see what will be lost by giving an opportunity to people to express their opinion about this. Imagine, if you can, what you are doing. You are giving this corporation the right to run public conveyances through the public streets of Boston without paying into the City Treasury one single dollar. Do you realize what you may be doing? Do you realize that if you give these men a right to run through these streets they will then have an absolute right to do it, and if the people should come in here and fight and fight and fight they would simply be met by the reply, "They have a right to do it, and we cannot help it"? We can help it now. Give the people who are interested and who say they want to know the reasons why an opportunity to appear before the committee. I want to say frankly that I think it is only justice to give these people a right to so appear. There is nothing to be lost to the corporation. The gentleman does not need to worry about that, because the shareholders of the corporation will not lose any fares. As I have said, they have been doing business since the snow was off the ground illegally, and I presume they will continue to do it until the Police Board tells them that they cannot do it illegally.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, as the debate goes on we grow more and more enlightened. I am rather surprised that a public official of the city of Boston, a person like Ald. Kneeland should stand on the floor of the Board of Aldermen and admit that a corporation has to his knowledge been doing business illegally for the past six months, that the Board of Police is continuing to allow them to do that business illegally, and that he, as a public official, with that knowledge in his possession, has not gone to the District Attorney's office, only a few hundred yards away, and notified that official of the illegal acts being done by this corporation. He charges me practically with being the champion of corporations. Last fall I had the distinguished honor to go to Wd. 23 and speak for organized labor in the person of the alderman who sits on my right (Ald. Kneeland). I now have the double compliment paid to me by him, if I may say so, of being the champion of organized labor, and also the defender of corporations. I will say this, that I never scare when they shout "foreign corporations" or "non-residents." If a business is a legal one, legitimate in any sense, I am not scared by any hubbub in regard to it. I am willing to take my stand and record my vote; and this talk about recording objections, to my mind, is not as sincere as it might be.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, as far as this order is concerned, it does not say that we are granting any privileges to any corporation whether foreign or domestic. It is simply an ap-

plication by a man named Busch for this automobile route. We all know that the automobile industry is a great and growing one. There are a great many mechanics who are employed in the different manufacturing establishment where these machines are made, who receive some benefit out of it. It is only a question of time when everybody will be riding in automobiles, I believe. They are coming more and more into use from year to year. If there were any objections to this, I would be the last man in this board to stand up and ask for its passage today. The gentleman has said that in the last two or three weeks he has seen people who object to the granting of this license. If such is the fact, and they knew that this application was in here before the Board of Aldermen, if they have told him about it they should also have told us about it. They should have come in with their objections and remonstrance. But today, without a word from anybody but the alderman from Jamaica Plain, we hear that there is a great and growing objection to the granting of this permit to this man at this time. I feel that if there are any objections whatever, which are known on the outside, they ought to have been brought to our attention. It might have been done a week ago or two weeks ago, and the committee would have granted a public hearing to anybody who wanted it. When it is understood that people want to object to anything, any committee of this board is perfectly satisfied to grant a public hearing. But in this case there has been no request for a public hearing, nobody has said a word about it. I knew nothing about it until a few days ago, myself. It was considered in the Committee on Licenses, and they voted to grant it. That is all I knew about it. If the gentleman knew about it, he should have said so before. But he is the only one who seems to object; and if he is the only objector and this is a legitimate business asked for by a citizen of Boston—not a corporation of any kind—I say if that is the only objection the permission should be granted today. If the alderman knows of any infringement of the law carried on by any corporation in any other part of Boston—at the Touraine, the Common or anywhere else—it is his business to see that it is stopped. If any such vehicles are standing in places where locations have not been granted to them, it is his place to see that that sort of thing is stopped. I don't think, however, that because some men are breaking the law that fact has anything to do with this order today. If some men come here for the purpose of doing a legitimate business, showing the sights to people in a good, comfortable way, at a reasonable price, sights that citizens of Boston and visitors to Boston want to see, so long as they are doing nothing illegal, I think the board can very well grant them such privileges as they may reasonably require, instead of doing anything to injure their business. This is merely an automobile route between the Granary burying ground and Concord. We all know that the sights along the road are interesting, that there is a great deal that is beautiful and of historic interest on the way to Concord; and, in view of the fact that there is no objection to this except that which comes from the alderman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Kneeland) I hope the board will stand by its position.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I was going to say that nobody knew these people were doing business without a license, until a few weeks ago, when a committee of the Hack and Cab Drivers' Union waited on me and asked me if these people had a license from the Board of Aldermen to go over

this route. I did investigate and was told that we had no authority in the matter, that the Police Board licensed carriages of that description.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Will the alderman yield for a question? Will he state to the board whom he asked, whom he got his information from?

Ald. KNEELAND—I got the information from Frank Chisholm, the secretary of the board. I then told the committee to go down and see the Police Commissioners. The committee—or, rather, one member of the committee—waited upon me today and told me that the Police Commissioners said they would look after this matter, and said, "I believe there will be an order go through today giving these people a license. We believe we should be heard upon the matter." And I believe they should be heard upon the matter. I want to say that the objections I voice are the objections of the hack and cab drivers of Boston, meaning practically seven-tenths of the hack and cab drivers employed in the city of Boston. Whether they have any valid reasons for holding this up or not I am not in a position to say. But I do believe they should have a right to appear before the committee, because they did not know and I did not know that the committee had before them the application for the license. The alderman on my left (Ald. Whelton) has said that I in my official capacity should look after all these things. I want to say that neither I nor any other member who is not a member of the Committee on Licenses know anything about what is before the Committee on Licenses before it reaches this chamber. I don't know whether that is the usual way of doing business here or not, but that is the way of doing business here this year. The Committee on Licenses know all about the applications for licenses, and nobody else is consulted.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the alderman another question—if he knows anything about the business of any other committee of this board until it is reported in this board?

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I will submit the fact that I do not.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Then I think the gentleman ought not to mention the name of the Committee on Licenses, as if it stood alone, so often.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I simply desire to rebut the testimony offered by the gentleman when he says that I should have come before the Committee on Licenses and asked them to give a hearing before the matter was put in here. I simply want to say that neither I nor any other member of the board, to my knowledge, except the members of the Committee on Licenses, knew anything about this. I believe there is nothing to be lost and everything to be gained by reconsidering this vote and allowing the matter to lie over for one week, so that these gentlemen who think they have a grievance will be able to go before the Committee on Licenses and place the grievance before them.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, this matter is something of a novel proposition to me. The right asked for is rather an important one, and, in view of the fact that it has been stated that objections exist to the granting of this petition, and in view, also, of the fact that the petition is only dated Oct. 31st, 1904, and has only been in the hands of the Board of Aldermen for one week, I cannot see how anybody should suffer by having the matter put over, as the alderman from Wd. 23 (Ald. Kneeland) has requested.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before a vote is taken upon the matter I

would like to ask Ald. Kneeland if the Hack and Cab Drivers' Union at present has a route from Boston to Concord?

THE CHAIR—Does Ald. Kneeland wish to answer?

Ald. KNEELAND—Yes, sir. The carriage and cab drivers have a license which will allow them to go over any street or lane in the city of Boston—which the alderman should very well know, if he was not as ignorant as the gentleman from Wd. 23!

Ald. WHELTON—If the gentleman will answer my question I will be satisfied.

Ald. KNEELAND—I will answer by saying "Yes." Their license allows them to go on every street from Boston to Concord.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the alderman answer my question—whether there is a route from Boston to Concord operated by the Hack and Cab Drivers' Union?

Ald. KNEELAND—I still answer by saying that every cab driver in Boston is given a license by the Board of Police which allows him, if he can get a passenger who desires to go over that route, to go over it. All the cabs—not any particular or individual cab, but all the cabs, all the cab owners or drivers, can go over that particular route.

Ald. WHELTON—Of course, we can all travel from Boston to Concord in automobiles, carriages, sleighs, or any other kind of conveyance provided we have the money to pay for it; but what I want to have the gentleman from Ward 23 is this information—is there an established route between Boston and Concord operated by the Boston Hack and Cab Drivers' Union and conducted by them in any way?

Ald. KNEELAND—The Boston Cab Drivers' Union does not conduct any routes, does not own any automobiles, does not own any cabs, does not own any carriages. They are men employed by the different cab companies and cab owners. Therefore, to answer the alderman's question, there is not any Cab Drivers' Union which conducts any routes or owns any cabs or automobiles.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I will simply say that I am obliged to the gentleman.

Reconsideration was declared lost

Ald. KNEELAND doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays. Reconsideration prevailed, yeas 8, nays 1:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Frothingham, Jennessey, Kneeland, Quigley, Slattery—8.

Nay—Ald. Whelton—1.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be recommitted to the committee.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before that motion prevails in the Board I will simply suggest to the alderman, if he wants the information he says he desires, in the interest of those for whom he is speaking, that he make an amendment to that motion whereby he can get his public hearing, so as to satisfy his lack of knowledge in the matter.

The CHAIR—The Chair would request Ald. Kneeland to put his motion in writing, and to state in his motion that it pertains to this particular matter, so that there will be no mistake about it.

Ald. KNEELAND—Mr. Chairman, I will now make the motion verbally and submit it in writing later, with the consent of the Chair—that the matter be recommitted to the Committee on Licenses with instructions to give a public hearing.

The matter was recommitted to the Committee on Licenses with instructions to give a public hearing.

SALARIES—THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly payrolls be allowed and paid on or before November 23, in anticipation of the December draft, and on or before December 24, in anticipation of the January draft, and the heads of departments are hereby requested to submit payrolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed. Sent down.

REPAIR OF COVERINGS.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the following-named persons, being the supposed owners or agents of the estates respectively hereinafter mentioned, be notified to repair the flagstone coverings over the areas or coal holes maintained by them under and in the sidewalks in front of their several estates within ten days from the date of this order. Unless said coverings over said areas or coal holes are repaired to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets within said ten day, the permits issued for the maintenance of such areas or coal holes are hereby revoked under the provisions of Chap. 5 of the Regulations of the Board of Aldermen, and the Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized and directed to close and fill up, at the expense of the abutters, such areas or openings under said sidewalks, viz.:—

70 Tremont St., Wd. 7, J. R. Whipple, lessee.

122 Charles St., Wd. 11, W. P. Blake, agent.

52 Green St., Wd. 8, O'Brien & Goff, owners.

17 Staniford St., Wd. 8, Felix Vorenberg, agent.

75 W. Cedar St., Wd. 11, F. R. Roberts, owner.

4 Anderson St., Wd. 11, F. R. Roberts, owner.

636 Washington St., Wd. 7, George F. Washburn, lessee.

3 Fay St., Wd. 9, James J. Shea, trustee.

7 Florence St., Wd. 9, Israel C. Klein, owner.

68 Cabot St., Wd. 18, James McEleney, owner.

76 Sterling St., Wd. 18, John P. Woodis, owner.

66 Sterling St., Wd. 18, William Nichols, owner.

109 Sterling St., Wd. 18, Ira Bradley, owner.

6 Parnell St., Wd. 18, Mary Carey, owner.

15 Parnell St., Wd. 18, Gilbert H. Wright, owner.

322 Marlboro St., Wd. 11, Mrs. Charles W. Seabury, owner.

20 Newbury St., Wd. 11, Mrs. J. Lochrin, owner.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PLAYGROUND—NEPONSET

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land heretofore used for temporary playground purposes in Neponset, Wd. 24; the expense of same not to exceed \$100, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed. Sent down.

GRADE OF EASTMAN ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the grade of Eastman St., Dorchester, be revised by abandoning the grade approved May 2, 1898, and shown on plan marked "City of Boston, Eastman St., Dorchester, April 22, 1898, Wil-

liam Jackson, City Engineer," and re-establishing the grade shown on plan dated Oct. 31, 1887, and signed by Thomas W. Davis, City Surveyor.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The board voted at 4.21 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to take a recess subject to the call of the chairman.

The members of the board reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order by Ald. QUIGLEY, senior member present, at 5.43 o'clock P.M.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted for projections, as follows:

David H. Posner (referred Oct. 31), to project two arc light at 23-25 School st., Wd. 6.

A. L. McMullin (referred Sept. 19), to project an illuminated sign at 136 Hanover st., Wd. 6.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the petition of Thomas and Ellen Joyce (referred Oct. 24), for leave to project one bay window and a cornice from building 1 Cordis St., to project over Warren St., Wd. 5.—Recommending that permission be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with petitions (severally referred today), viz.:

Thomas J. Morrissey, an electric light sign, at 667 Bennington St., Wd. 1.

J. Joseph Sullivan, a corner sign, corner School and Washington Sts., Wd. 6.

Thomas Decerbo, a gas-arc lamp, at 489 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Cleveland Foundry Co., a sign, at 100 North St., Wd. 6.

Edward Remer, a sign, at 89 Border St., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to place covers, etc., in front of estate and to lay iron pipes, etc.—recommending the passage of orders that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue permits as hereinafter stated, and that the work be completed on or before Dec. 31, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto, viz.:—

George A. Hibbard, custodian, to place, maintain and use a coal hole opening not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface under and in the sidewalk, on the Devonshire St. side of the Postoffice and Sub-Treasury building, Wd. 6, work to be completed on or before Dec. 6, 1904.

Heirs of Samuel Salisbury, to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk covers over the present areas under the sidewalk at 50 Temple pl., Wd. 7.

O'Neil & Sons, to lay, maintain and use 1½-inch iron pipe with a screw cover attached under and across sidewalk in front of estate 1397 Dorchester Av., Wd. 20.

George W. Harvey Co., to erect, maintain and use guy posts with the necessary ropes attached as follows:

One in front of 15A Beacon St., one in front of 12 Somerset St., Wd. 6, during the erection of a building.

John C. Carter, to place, maintain and use a cover of iron and iron grating over the present bulkhead in the sidewalk in front of estate 10-2 West St., Wd. 7.

A. B. H. Chapin, to lay, maintain and use a 1½-inch iron pipe with a screw cover attached, under and across sidewalk in front of estate 112 Savin Hill, Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for sidewalks—recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to make sidewalks along the following-named estates; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, the owner to furnish said material, viz:—

William Gordon, 72-4 Dix St., Wd. 24.
Lorin F. Deland, 231 Bay State road, Wd. 11.

Clarence A. Bickford, 104 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

R. B. Plummer, Jr., 111 Hutchings St., Wd. 21.

Samuel W. Johnson, 61-3 Q St., Wd. 14 (brick).

Ansel McCarrison, et al., 92 P St., and on East Fourth St., Wd. 14 (brick).

Reports severally accepted; orders passed.

(3.) Report on the order (referred today) notifying J. R. Whipple, lessee, and about 16 others to repair the coverings over areas or coal holes in front of their estates, the Superintendent of Streets to fill up said areas or coal holes if the said coverings are not repaired within ten days—that the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

(4.) Report on the order (referred November 1), directing the Superintendent of Streets to build a sidewalk along both sides of Harris st., between Hanover and North sts., under the provisions of Chap. 437 of the Acts of 1893—that the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

RESURFACING OF GREEN ST.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to resurface Green street from the railroad bridge to Washington St., Wd. 23.

Passed.

REPAIR OF SIDEWALKS

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair the sidewalks on Boylston Ave. from Green to Cornwall Sts., Ward 22.

Passed.

TRIMMING OF TREES

Ald. BALDWIN for Ald. BOWEN offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to have the trees trimmed on Dwight St., Wd. 9, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION

Ald. WHELTON moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

Adjourned at 6.19 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to meet on Monday, Nov. 14, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 14, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. Bowen, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. Baldwin, Bresnahan, Doyle, O'Toole, Quigley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Quigley, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 514 of the Acts of 1894, forty additional traverse jurors were drawn for the Superior Civil Court, Sixth Jury Session, October sitting, viz.:

John B. Reardon, Wd. 11; Edward F. Ford, Wd. 24; Arthur F. Hall, Wd. 24; Henry J. Colman, Wd. 15; Charles E. Alexander, Wd. 8; James H. Harlow, Wd. 21; Frederick W. Hands, Wd. 9; Charles A. Litchfield, Wd. 23; Warren H. Brigham, Wd. 6; Herbert C. Hall, Wd. 25; William A. Strout, Wd. 2; James F. Kelly, Wd. 15; William H. Mulvin, Wd. 18; Charles E. Selby, Wd. 10; Jere G. Haggerty, Wd. 19; William J. Lavery, Wd. 11; James P. Mellen, Wd. 4; Edward Neff, Wd. 20; Cornelius E. Courtney, Wd. 20; John A. Smith, Wd. 1; Bernard Rebholz, Wd. 25; John A. Gilbride, Wd. 15; Matthew Quigley, Wd. 23; Benhard Johnson, Wd. 12; Herbert E. Boyden, Wd. 11; John J. McGonagle, Wd. 6; Cornelius C. Buckley, Wd. 10; Henry V. Lewis, Wd. 20; Thomas J. Alger, Wd. 9; Frank Cunningham, Wd. 11; Gustave G. Magnitzky, Wd. 20; Frank Ferreira, Wd. 23; William L. Haven, Wd. 16; Judson B. True, Wd. 12; Theodore Budden, Wd. 11; W. Walker Woodman, Wd. 25; Ray S. Densmore, Wd. 9; Charles E. Hall, Wd. 8; Thomas B. Courtney, Wd. 14; John D. Mickel, Wd. 1.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1) J. Alfred Mitchell (796 East Fourth St.), to be City Auditor from the close of business on Nov. 23, 1904, until May 1, 1905, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of City Auditor James H. Dodge, which has been accepted to take effect at the close of business on Nov. 23, 1904.

(2) Frederic E. Atteaux (47 Huntington Ave.) to be a Cemetery Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1905, in place of Jacob Morse, deceased.

(Mr. Morse died Nov. 9, 1904.)

Severally laid over, under the law.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES IN SUBWAY STATIONS.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Nov. 14, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Boston Transit Commission in answer to your order requesting the Boston Transit Commission "to approve only such plans for stations in the new subway and on the proposed elevated railway extension to Forest Hills as contain provisions for public convenience stations." Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston Transit Commission,

15 Beacon Street, Boston,

Nov. 8, 1904.

To His Honor the Mayor Patrick A. Collins:—

Dear Sir:—The order of the Board of Aldermen, passed on the 31st of October, 1904, relating to public convenience stations in the new subway, referred by you to this commission, has been received and considered.

I am instructed by the commission to state that the plans for stations in the new subway which it has in contemplation provide for convenience stations for the use of passengers in cases of emergency only.

The construction of the proposed elevated railway extension to Forest Hills is not subject to the control of this commission.

By order of the commission,

B. Leighton Beal,
Secretary.

Placed on file.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK

1. On petition of the Trustees under the will of D. W. Williams, for leave to project permanent awnings,—one at 24 Blackstone street, and one at the junction of Blackstone and Clinton Sts., Wd. 6.

2. On petition of Henry B. Williams, for leave to project 14 balconies over Hemenway St. and the Fens, from building 73 Hemenway St., Wd. 10.

No objections. Severally referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

On petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:

3. Two poles on Roseclair St., between Dorchester Ave. and St. Margaret St., Wd. 15.
Hugh Giblin, 17 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester; John McKenzie Cameron, 84 Roseclair St.; Peter N. Gorham, 87 Roseclair St.; and John Sullivan, 86 Roseclair St., severally appeared and objected.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Hennessey to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

4. Two poles on Reading St., between Southampton and Island Sts., Wd. 17.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department

W. P. Stone, for leave to build a wooden addition at 175-177 West First St., Wd. 13.

Building Department (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Joseph E. Cahill, a campaign transparency, from building on Meridian St., cor. Central Sq., Wd. 1;

John Parrella, three barber poles, at 13 Endicott St., Wd. 6;

F. M. Crosby & Co., a sign, at 19 School St., Wd. 6;

Barton, Eaton & Nash, a sign, at 29 Temple Pl., Wd. 7;

John H. Barry, an electric sign, at 102 Staniford St., Wd. 6;

Max Friedman, two signs, at 13 No. Anderson St., Wd. 8;

Max Berger, an illuminated sign, at 375A Columbus Ave., Wd. 10;

James McDevitt, a campaign transparency, at 300 Broadway, Wd. 13;

Dr. Barnett Bruce, an illuminated sign, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18;

Anthony Ziniti, a barber pole, at 116 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13;
 Joseph E. Lanihan, transparency, 1189 Washington St., Wd. 24;
 Harry E. Munroe, sign, Winthrop Hall, Dorchester;
 Public School Association, campaign transparency, 30 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10;
 Charles F. Brown, campaign transparency, 2289 Washington St.;
 Iona Social Club, transparency, 144 Meridian St., Wd. 2.

Claims

Albert W. Crankshaw, for compensation for injuries received from a fall on crosswalk on Dudley St., cor. Blue Hill Ave.

Peter Hughes, for compensation for damages to estate 96 Bernard St., by the overflow of sewer.

Electric Wires.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Brookline Gas Light Company: That the first named company be allowed to attach wires to four poles of the second named company on Oak Square avenue.

Petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.: For extension of time in which to erect poles on Brooks street, between Parkman and Newton streets; for leave to attach wires to a tree corner of High and Sullivan streets, Ward 5; for leave to erect two poles on Trenton street, Ward 1; for leave to erect three poles on Millet street, Ward 20; for leave to erect three poles on Moultrie street, Ward 20.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston: For leave to erect two poles on Mozart street, Ward 22.

Faneuil Hall, etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.: Hearst's Boston American, on the evening of Nov. 26; Democratic city committee, on the evening of Nov. 12; Coon Club of New Hampshire, on Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 9 P. M.; Myer Bloomfield, on the evening of Dec. 14; Religious Education Association, on the evening of Feb. 13, 1905; Public School Association, on the evening of Dec. 4.

Board of Health.

Mary A. Brown, for license to maintain a lying-in-hospital at 119 K St., South Boston.

Harriet L. Harrington, M. D., for license to maintain a lying-in hospital at 20 Monadnock St., Dorchester.

Licenses.

South End Hebrew School, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Hub Theatre, on Nov. 13, evening.

John S. Coxeter, for a license to exhibit moving pictures, stereopticon views, song sheet and phonograph concerts at store 110 Court St., for six months.

South End House Association, for a license for musical, dramatic and dancing entertainments at hall, 640 Harrison avenue, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1904.

Joseph F. Connolly, for license for dances and dancing instruction at Pierce Hall, 598 Columbia road, for season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Boston Terrier Club, for a license for a dog show at Mechanics building on Nov. 16-19.

Parnell Literary Club, for a license for concert and lecture in Roughan Hall on Sunday evening, Nov. 27.

Public Improvements

Richard P. Kelly, to construct bulkhead in sidewalk on Beach St. side of estate 518 Bunker Hill St., Wd. 4.

Frank M. Segall, for leave to stand on Tremont St., near Park St., from

Dec. 10 to Dec. 26 for the sale of toys and Christmas goods.

Petitions for sidewalks, viz.:

Mrs. Annie Getz, 43 Claybourne St., Wd. 20; Allen C. Humphrey, 42 Claybourne St., Wd. 20; John L. Behneke, 516 Newbury St., Wd. 11; John J. Falvey, Blue Hill Ave. at Mattapan Sq., Wd. 24; William H. Naylor, 92 Auckland St., Wd. 20; Mary C. Murphy, 294 South St., Wd. 23; Andrew J. Peters, South St., Wd. 23; City of Boston, Street Department, Washington St., between Cornhill Ct. and Court Ave., Wd. 6.

EDITION OF REVISED ORDINANCES

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the City Clerk prepare and have printed an edition of one thousand copies of the Revised Ordinances of 1893, with all amendments and additions thereto, and to the Revised Regulations of 1893, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

Passed. Sent down.

STREET LIGHT, DICKENS ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Acting Superintendent of Lamps be requested to place a street light in Dickens St., westerly end, near Adams St., Wd. 24, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Lamp Department.

Passed.

BAY WINDOW—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Edward Brock, for leave to project a bay window and a cornice from building No. 39 Bow St., Wd. 5, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Nov. 28, 1904, at 3 P.M., when any parties desiring to object may appear and be heard.

TRANSIT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT.

A communication was received from the Boston Transit Commission, transmitting to the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with St. 1894, Ch. 548, sec. 24, the annual report of the commission for the preceding year.

Placed on file.

PROBATION OFFICER, ROXBURY.

A communication was received from Hon. Solomon A. Bolster, justice of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the city of Boston, giving notice of the fact that, subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen, acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, he had fixed the salary of the probation officer of the said court at the sum of \$1800 per annum, and stating the reasons why he considered the said officer entitled to the increased compensation.

Ald. WHELTON moved that the matter be laid on the table. Lost.

On Motion of Ald. QUIGLEY the communication was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RECESS.

The Board voted, at 3.45 P. M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order by Ald. BOWEN, Chairman pro tem, at 4.24 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Alderman QUIGLEY, for the committee on public improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Richard P. Kelly (referred today) to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk on Beach street side of estate 518 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4, recommending the passage of an order that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to Richard P. Kelly, to place, maintain and use a bulkhead opening four feet by four feet with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Beach street side of estate No. 518 Bunker Hill street, Ward 4; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2) Reports on petitions referred today recommending the passage of orders that the superintendent of streets make sidewalks, to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining and to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, with granite edgestone, owners to furnish material, in front of the following estates:

City of Boston, street department, Washington street, between Cornhill court and Court avenue, Ward 6, artificial stone (charge to appropriation for street improvements).

Andrew J. Peters, South street, Ward 23, gravel.

Mary C. Murphy, 294 South street, Ward 23, gravel.

William H. Naylor, 92 Auckland St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

John J. Falvey, Blue Hill Ave., near Mattapan Sq., Wd. 24, artificial stone.

John L. Behneke, 516 Newbury St., corner Charlesgate West, Wd. 11, artificial stone.

Allen C. Humphrey, 42 Claybourne St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Mrs. Annie Getz, 43 Claybourne St., Wd. 20, artificial stone.

Reports accepted, said orders passed.

PROJECTIONS

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Charles F. Brown (referred today), to project a campaign transparency at 2289 Washington St.

Iona Social Club (referred today), to project a transparency at 144 Meridian St., Wd. 2.

Joseph E. Cahill (referred today), to project a campaign transparency at Meridian St., corner Central Sq., Wd. 1.

Public School Association (referred today) to project a campaign transparency at 30 Huntington Ave., Wd. 10.

Joseph A. Williams (referred September 26), to project an illuminated sign at 333 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Nicholas Plakias (referred Oct. 10), to project an illuminated sign at 5 State St., Wd. 6.

P. Feinstein (referred Sept. 26), to project an illuminated sign at 124 Canal St., Wd. 8.

James McDevitt (referred today), to project a campaign transparency at 300 Broadway, Wd. 13.

Max Berger (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 35A Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

John H. Barry (referred today), to project an electric sign at 102 Stanford St., Wd. 8.

William P. Goldwasser, to project two signs at 133 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Wyman Lunch Co. (referred Nov. 7), to project an electric sign at 16 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for Ald. Bresnahan, submitted reports of the Committee on Licenses, as follows:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending that licenses be granted, as follows:

Boston Terrier Club, for a dog show at Mechanics building on November 16, 17, 18, 19.

Parnell Literary Club, for concert and lecture in Roughan Hall, on Sunday evening, November 27.

South End Hebrew school, for Sunday concert at the Hub Theatre, on the evening of November 13.

South End House Association, for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at hall 640 Harrison Ave., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Joseph F. Connolly, for dances and dancing instruction at Pierce Hall, 593 Columbia Road, for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Also report recommending that license be granted on the petition of C. E. Love (referred July 11) for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at halls 694 Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual condition.

(2) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to six newsboys and one vendor.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual condition.

(3) Reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw as follows:

Emergency Hospital (referred November 7), for a Sunday concert at the Boston Theatre on Sunday evening, November 13.

Emergency Hospital (referred October 31), for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Columbia Benevolent Society (referred Oct. 31), for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre on the evenings of November 13, 20 and 27.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

(4) Reports that no further action is necessary on the following petitions:

Cornelius J. Desmond (referred Oct. 24), that the Board refuse to license Harvey Hall, corner Lauriat Ave. and Willowwood St.

George W. Magee, Mgr. (referred Oct. 31), for a permit for Lottie Johnson and five other children under fifteen years of age to appear at the Grand Opera House for the week of Oct. 31.

Stair & Wilbur (referred June 6), for dramatic, musical and vaudeville entertainments at Boston Music Hall for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Mrs. M. Banks and others (referred May 9), that the Board refuse to grant licenses for merry-go-rounds or noisy shows on vacant lot on Ruggles and Vancouver Sts. and Huntington Ave.

Reports severally accepted.

Faneuil Hall.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

Coon Club of New Hampshire, for the use of Faneuil Hall, Nov. 19, 1904, from 5.30 to 9 P.M.

Myer Bloomfield, for the use of Faneuil Hall on evening of Dec. 14.

Religious Education Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall on evening of February 13, 1905.

Public School Association, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of December 4.

Hearst's Boston American, for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of November 26.

Democratic City Committee, for the use of Faneuil Hall on Saturday evening, November 12, 1904.

Reports accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Nov. 23, 1904, at 3 P. M., on petitions of The New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Massachusetts (severally referred to-day), as follows:

For leave to attach wires to a tree corner High and Sullivan Sts., Wd. 5.

For leave to erect two poles in Trenton St., Wd. 1.

For leave to erect three poles in Millet St., Wd. 20.

For leave to erect three poles in Miltrie St., Wd. 20.

Also on a petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, for leave to erect two poles in Mozart St., Wd. 22.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice severally passed.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to make a verbal statement to you, as chairman of the Committee on Licenses, that on Monday next I shall

ask for a report from the Committee on Licenses as to whether the Boston Theatre and the Tremont Theatre are operating without a license or not. If they are, I should like the Committee on Licenses to furnish the Board with information and give the reasons.

The CHAIR—Does the gentleman make that as a motion?

Ald. WHELTON—I make that as a verbal statement, so that I may in writing next Monday make that request, if the information has not been furnished.

The CHAIR—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman, that there is to be a meeting of the Committee on Licenses next Wednesday, and that the final disposition in regard to both those theatres will be made then.

REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to repair the sidewalk at the corner of Amherst and Corinth Sts., near Brandon St., as the same is now in a very unsafe condition.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, at 4.33 P. M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to meet on Monday, November 21, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Nov. 21, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent—Ald. CURLEY.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE—VETO

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., November 18, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen.

I return herewith without my approval the vote of your Board granting Patrick J. Kelleher a license for entertainments to be held in Kelleher Hall, 445 Neponset Ave.

My reason for disapproving this vote is that the Board of Police are of the opinion that the license should not be granted to the applicant.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

DANCING, ETC. LICENSE—VETO.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.

To the Board of Aldermen:

I return without my approval a vote of your board giving Marshall Thompson a license to conduct musical and dancing entertainments in the hall at the corner of North Russell and Cambridge streets, for the reason that a license for entertainments in this hall has already been granted to another.

Respectfully,

PATRICK A. COLLINS, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committee named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.: Gaetano Provinzano, three barber poles at 2 Garden Court st., Wd. 6.

Public School Association, a campaign transparency, at 110 Tremont st., Wd. 7.

F. L. Cushman, a sign, at 164 A Tremont st., Wd. 7.

Michael H. Glynn, a sign, at 81A Dover street, Wd. 9.

C. H. Jackson, et al., a gas arc lamp, at 453 Tremont st., Wd. 9.

Scott & Garson, an illuminated sign, at 20 Union Park st., Wd. 9.

Public School Association, a campaign transparency, at 2378 Washington st., Wd. 18.

Achille Ardeleno, two barber poles, at 155 Norfolk st., Wd. 20.

Joseph Bell, illuminated sign, 1362 Washington st., Wd. 9.

Louise D. Greene, sign, 31 Pearl st., Wd. 7.

Claims

William Johnson, for a hearing on his claim for injuries caused by a projecting wire on Norfolk St.

George L. Young, as New England

Lobster Co., for compensation for loss of lobsters and damage to float occasioned by a collision with a float of the Cahill Construction Co. used in reconstructing a portion of Atlantic avenue.

Jacob Pollak, for compensation for damages to property at 76 Brighton St. by the overflow of sewage.

Morris Sternburg, for compensation for damages to property at 237 Chambers St. by the overflow of sewage.

Barnard Millmeister, for compensation for damages to estate 350 Chambers street by the overflow of sewage.

Thomas Amory De Blois, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blagden street.

John Behan (eight petitions for payment to Francis A. White of balances remaining from tax sales of estates as follows: Lots 46, 47, 48, 49 on Antwerp St., lots 38 and 39 on Cygnet St., and lots 44 and 45 on Dumas St.

Electric Wires.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Massachusetts, viz.:

For leave to erect five poles on Prospect St., Wd. 3.

For leave to erect four poles on Weld Hill St., near Wenham St., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Petitions for the use of Faneuil Hall, viz.:

Socialist Party, on the afternoon of Dec. 4, 1904.

Carpenters' District Council of Boston and vicinity, on the evening of Dec. 16.

Brith Abraham, on the afternoon of Dec. 25, 1904.

Licenses.

Charles Frohman, Rich & Harris, for a permit for Leona Powers, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Colonial Theatre for one week beginning Nov. 21.

John I. Taylor, for licenses for football games on grounds of the Boston American League, on Huntington avenue, on Saturday, Nov. 19, and on Thursday, Nov. 24.

Samuel Sidman, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman street, for one month beginning Nov. 16, 1904.

Boston Symphony Orchestra Pension Institution, for a license for a Sunday concert at Symphony Hall, on the evening of Nov. 27.

South End Hebrew Free School, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Hub Theatre, on the evening of Nov. 20.

South End Hebrew Free School, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Hub Theatre on Sunday evenings during the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Boston Emergency Hospital, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Public Improvements.

George W. Harvey Co., for leave to erect a guy post, etc., on Beacon St., at Tremont place, Wd. 7.

John Soley & Sons, for leave to move an iron tank from Chelsea St., to the corner of Chelsea and Curtis Sts., Wd. 1.

J. J. and P. M. Ahern, for leave to move a building from 729 E. Fourth St., Wd. 14, to 642 E. Seventh St., Wd. 14.

T. J. Billings, for leave to move a building from Bremen St. to Curtis St., Wd. 1.

Frances A. Gleason, for a sidewalk at 290 South St., Wd. 23.

James Woolley, for a sidewalk at 185-187 Condor St., Wd. 1.

ALLOWANCE FOR CLERK HIRE

The following communication was received:

Boston, November 18, 1904.
Clerk's Office, Superior Court.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston:

Gentlemen—It appears by these suggestions of the Auditor of the City of Boston that the appropriation for salaries for the clerical force in the office of the Superior Court for civil business in Suffolk County is exhausted. As it requires the sum of twelve hundred and thirty-five dollars for the current month, I respectfully request that said amount be appropriated by your honorable board. Respectfully,

Francis P. Ewing, Clerk.

In connection with the above Ald. WHELTON offered the following:

Ordered, That in addition to the sums heretofore allowed for clerk hire in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for civil business, there be allowed the further sum of twelve hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$1,235); said amount to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before that matter is disposed of, I would like to make a statement of the conditions. Mr. Ewing, clerk of the court, came to me Saturday and stated that the appropriation for his department was exhausted, that there was no money available to meet the draft for December, and, through the auditor, he requested me to present this petition to the Board and ask the Board to pass an order granting his office the necessary money. Unless the Board provides the money asked for in the order, the employees of that office will receive no compensation for work performed in the month of December. I most respectfully ask that the order be placed upon its passage today.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move, as a substitute motion, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I have no interest in this matter directly or indirectly, other than to carry out the wishes of those who are in authority in that office. I don't know any reason why the order should be referred.

The CHAIRMAN—Unless the gentleman desires the matter referred to some other committee, the Chair would suggest its reference to the Committee on County Accounts.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Public Improvements was declared carried.

Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing to vote for the order today. If the gentleman on the left (Ald. Quigley) will vouch for the return of the order from the Committee on Public Improvements today I will also vote for his motion. But I believe, as my brother on the left (Ald. Whelton) has said, that this is imperative, that there is a shortage in the appropriation. Therefore, I believe that today is the proper time to pass this order.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, as far as I am concerned, if the passage of this order today is shown to be imperative I will vote for it. But I would like to look into the matter further, and I think I am entitled to some consideration, even if I am not on the Committee on County Accounts.

At request of Ald. Whelton, the clerk read the communication from the clerk of the court.

The Board refused to refer the order

to the Committee on Public Improvements, yeas 5, nays 6:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bresnahan, Doyle, Quigley, Slattery—5.

Nays—Ald. Bromberg, Frothingham, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Whelton—6.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I move that the order be placed upon its passage.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, on that subject I have a word to say. The City of Boston pays all county accounts and every time that a matter of this kind comes in here it goes through as if it were slicked with oil. I certainly see no reason why this matter should go through today without a better explanation than we have got. The order comes in for so much money for county accounts. I am willing, as one of the County Commissioners, to provide any necessary amount of money to take care of county accounts. But I don't know why any man should come in here and ask for additional amounts, when there is no additional services needed. Therefore, I would ask that this matter go to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I have tried to make myself clear in this matter. The fact is, as we all know, that Mr. Ewing has been clerk of the court for only about two months. He was informed by the Auditor that there was no money available to meet the draft for December, that the appropriation provided for his office has been exhausted. In order that his employees may be paid for the services rendered during the month he comes here to the hall and asks me, as chairman of the Committee on County Accounts, to ask my fellow members of the Board of Aldermen to provide the necessary money to meet the obligations incurred. Mr. Willard, before he died, did certain things in that office, raised salaries, incurred additional expenses not contemplated at the time the appropriation was made, and the result is that the appropriation is exhausted. Mr. Ewing, as his successor, must meet the obligations imposed upon him by his predecessor. I speak only as chairman of the Committee on County Accounts, because if the clerks in the office cannot get the salaries they have earned in the performance of their duties at this time, we will have to meet the expense later, in some way or other. I have no feeling in the matter. I want to be fair to the alderman from Charlestown. But I have merely made a suggestion, because of this request that has come to me through the Auditor and through the Clerk of the Court, that we meet this obligation today. I sincerely hope and trust that the order will pass.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am very well satisfied with the explanation of the gentleman from Ward 8.

The order was passed.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK

1. On petition of Charles Neszery, for leave to project two bay-windows from building on southerly side of Hillside St., between Wait and Darling Sts., Wd. 19.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

2. On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, for leave to erect four poles on Southern Ave., between Talbot Ave. and Millet St., Wd. 24.

No objections. Recommitted to the Committee on Electric Wires.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Special Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, submitted a report on the message of

the mayor transmitting a petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company (referred August 1), for leave to sell certain articles of unclaimed baggage—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered: That the Boston & Maine Railroad Company be hereby authorized to sell, at public auction, on or before March 1, 1905, and after publication of the time and place of sale according to law, the articles left and remaining unclaimed in the passenger station of said company in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; order passed.

PETROLEUM LICENSE—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of Walworth Manufacturing Co. for license to store and keep for sale oil or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in wooden shed at 400 Congress St., Wd. 13—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 12, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

AWNING—ORDER OF NOTICE.

On the petition of West End Street Railway Co., for leave to project an awning as shelter for passengers on Washington St., at Oak Sq., Wd. 25—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 5, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

LYING-IN HOSPITALS.

Communications were received from the Board of Health on the following petitions (severally referred Nov. 14) for lying-in hospitals, approving of the same, viz.:

Mary A. Brown, 119 K St., South Boston.

Harriet L. Harrington, M. D., 20 Monadnock St., Dorchester.

Approved by the Board.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, register of deeds, in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 33, Chap. 22 of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office, and that the work had been performed to the amount of \$2259.78.

Approved by the Board.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the superintendent of public grounds be requested to cause the removal of four trees now standing on the line of proposed street improvements on South St., Wd. 23, from Walk Hill St., westerly, as shown on a plan made by the city engineer and dated November, 1904; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for public grounds department.

Passed.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the superintendent of public grounds remove a dead tree in front of 41 Wyman St., Wd. 22.

Passed.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 525 Columbus avenue; the expense of the same to be

charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 638 Seventh St., the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing in front of estate, 7 Sagamore st., Dorchester; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree in front of estate No. 21 Circuit st., Roxbury; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

PAYMENT FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Ald. WHELTON offered an order that the Auditor of the County of Suffolk be authorized to allow for payment to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of \$61.59, with interest, being amount assessed on the County of Suffolk by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, under authority of Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws for construction and maintenance of highways in the County of Suffolk during the year 1903; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk.

Passed.

REDUCTION OF PRICE OF GAS.

Ald. KNEELAND offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council heartily endorses the action of His Honor the Mayor in requesting the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to reduce the price charged for gas by the gas companies doing business in this city to eighty cents per thousand cubic feet, thereby reducing to a reasonable amount the profits to be derived by the said companies and by the proposed Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston wishes to express its appreciation of the able and energetic manner in which the newspapers published in this city have furthered the movement inaugurated by the Mayor in favor of relieving our citizens from the burden of paying what they consider an exorbitant price for one of the necessities of life.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

Passed unanimously. Sent down.

SIDEWALK, BELMORE TERRACE

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along 9 Belmore Ter., Wd. 22, in front of the estate bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edge-stone, under the provisions of Chapter 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

RESCISSION OF EDGESTONE ASSESSMENT

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That so much of the order of the Board of Aldermen, approved February 4, 1902, as levied an edgestone assessment of \$114.90 against the estate of John H. Moulton, No 221-3 Maverick St., Wd. 1, be and the same is hereby rescinded. The same estate is hereby assessed as follows: 221-3 Maverick St., Henry M. Batchelder, Trustee.....\$114.90.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted at 3.56 o'clock, P.M., on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to take a recess, subject to the call of the chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the aldermanic chamber and were called to order at 5.20.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:—

(1) Reports on petitions for leave to project signs, etc. (referred Nov. 14)—that leave be granted, viz.:—

Max Friedman, two signs, 13 No. Anderson St., Wd. 8.

Anthony Ziniti, barber pole, 116 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 13.

John Parrella, three barber poles, 13 Endicott St., Wd. 6.

F. M. Crosby & Co., sign, 19 School St., Wd. 6.

Barton, Eaton & Nash, sign, 29 Temple Pl., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for signs, etc., that leave be granted, viz.:—

Achille Ardeleno, two barber poles, 155 Norfolk St., Wd. 20.

Public School Association, campaign transparency, 239 Washington St., Wd. 18.

The same, campaign transparency, 110 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

F. L. Cushmano, 164A Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Gaetano Provinzano, three barber poles, 2 Garden Court St., Wd. 6.

C. H. Jackson et al., gas arc lamp, 453 Tremont St., Wd. 9.

Louise D. Greene, sign, 31 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on the petition of the Bay State Trust Co. (referred Oct. 24), for leave to excavate basement of building 218-220 Boylston St., Wd. 11, to Grade 8—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of Allen C. Jones (referred Oct. 31), for leave to project a marquee in front of the American House, 54 Hanover St., Wd. 6—recommending that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project bay windows, in accordance with the following petitions:

Augustus P. Loring, trustee (referred Sept. 26), two, from building 140-144 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

John Sheridan (referred Oct. 3), one, from building 244 Maverick St., Wd. 2.

Higgins & Scarr (referred Nov. 7), two, from building 1091 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 20.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the communication from Judge Solomon A. Bolster (referred Nov. 14), notifying the board that, subject to approval of the County Commissioners, he had increased the salary of the Probation Officer at the Roxbury Municipal Court—recommending the passage of the following order by the board, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County:

Ordered, That the action of the Honorable S. A. Bolster, Judge of the Municipal Court of Roxbury District, in fixing the compensation of William A. Blossom, as Probation Officer of said court, at the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum, under the provisions of Chapter 217, Section 92, of the Revised Laws, be and the same is hereby approved.

Report accepted; order passed by board, acting as County Commissioners.

(2) Reports (on petitions and order referred today) recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to build sidewalks in front of the following estates; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width and to be built of the material specified, with granite edgestone, viz.:

James Woolley, 185-187 Condor St., Wd. 1; brick.

Frances A. Gleason, 290 South St., Wd. 23; gravel.

Estate 9 Belmore Terrace, Wd. 22; brick.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(3) Reports (on petitions referred today) recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to the George W. Harvey Co. to erect, maintain and use one guy post in and over Beacon St., at or near Tremont Place, and to stretch guy ropes over and across said Beacon St. from private property, for use during the erection of a building; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Seley & Sons to move an iron tank, 30 feet in height, from present location on westerly side of Chelsea St., through and across said Chelsea St. to land of the Standard Oil Co. at the corner of Chelsea and Custer Sts., Wd. 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, flat roof, 38 feet in length, by 31 feet in width, by 14 feet in height, from Bremen St., to and along Curtis St. and Bremen St., to a lot about 300 feet westerly from Curtis St., Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, 50 feet in length, by 22 feet 6 inches in width, by 30 feet in height, from No. 729 East Fourth St., corner of L St., through L and along East Seventh Sts., to stone foundation at 642 East Seventh St., Ward 14, on the terms and conditions

expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

USE OF FANEUIL HALL

Ald BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall, recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

Socialist party, on the afternoon of December 4, 1904.

Carpenters' District Council of Boston and vicinity, on the evening of December 16.

Brith Abraham, on the afternoon of December 25.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES—ORDERS OF NOTICE.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to erect poles on certain streets—recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, Dec. 5, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts, to erect five poles in Prospect St., Wd. 3.

The same company, to erect four poles on Weld Hill St., near Wenham St., Wd. 23.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to five news-boys and one bootblack.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Charles Frohman, Rich and Harris (referred today) for a permit for Leona Powers, a child under 15 years of age, to appear at the Colonial Theatre for one week beginning November 21—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for amusement licenses—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Samuel Sidman, for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St. for one month beginning November 16, 1904.

Boston Symphony Orchestra Pension Institution for license for a Sunday concert at Symphony Hall on the evening of November 27.

John I. Taylor, for licenses for football games on grounds of the Boston American League on Huntington Ave. on Saturday, November 19, and on Thursday November 24.

South End Hebrew Free School, for license for a Sunday concert on the evening of November 20 at the Hub Theatre.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on petitions for amusement licenses for season ending August 1, 1905, that licenses be granted, viz.:

Harry N. Farren, manager, (referred Sept. 26) at the Columbia Theatre.

L. B. Walker (referred August 1), at Walker's Museum & Theatre, 3 Coolidge building, Bowdoin Sq.

L. B. Walker (referred August 1), Nickelodeon, 51-3 Hanover St.

Boston Amusement Co., by Loring F. Deland (referred August 1), Castle Sq. Theatre, 421 Tremont St.

Stair & Wilbur (referred June 6), Majestic Theatre.

Stair & Wilbur & Magee (referred August 1), Grand Opera House, 1172-94 Washington St.

Stair & Wilbur (referred June 6), Hub Theatre.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF FOWLS.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for Committee on Police (Ald.), submitted the following.

(1.) Report on petition of Mrs. Catherine D. Pierce (referred April 25) for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. Catherine D. Pierce the sum of six dollars in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs March 29, 1904; said sum to be paid from the income of dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(2.) Report on petition of Thomas Flynn (referred Sept. 12) for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered—That there be allowed and paid to Thomas Flynn the sum of \$2.60 in compensation for loss of fowls killed by dogs Aug. 10, 1904; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on the petition of Mrs. T. Flynn (referred Oct. 10), for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Mrs. T. Flynn the sum of four dollars and twenty cents in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs Sept. 24, 1904; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Report on the petition of Caroline K. Morse (referred Sept. 26), for payment for loss of fowls—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to Caroline K. Morse the sum of nineteen dollars and sixty cents in compensation for the loss of fowls killed by dogs Aug. 11, 1904; said sum to be paid from the income from dog licenses.

Report accepted; order passed.

PRICE OF GAS. EAST BOSTON.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this Board to petition or request the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to order a reduction in the price of gas furnished consumers in East Boston to \$1 a thousand cubic feet.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, my reason for introducing the order is this: I did not catch the wording of the order offered by Ald. Kneeland this afternoon, and I wanted to make sure that, in the event of the Mayor going before the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, so much of the question as interests East Boston might be taken care of. I don't know whether the alderman included that section or not, but, as I understand the petition which is being circulated, it only asks for eighty cent gas in the city proper. I don't know the price that is being paid at the present time by the consumers of gas in the suburbs; but I know that at a hearing given before the Gas and Electric Light Commissioners last month, shortly before election, at the request of consumers of

gas in East Boston, the Commission decided to reduce the price of gas five cents per thousand cubic feet. According to the figures shown in their annual exhibits they are in a position to reduce the price of gas in East Boston to \$1 per thousand cubic feet. I simply wish to offer this order in connection with Ald. Kneeland's order, so that this matter may be taken up at the same time as the other, later on.

The order was passed.

REPORT ON THEATRE LICENSES.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Committee on Licenses be hereby instructed to report to this Board at its next meeting on all applications for season licenses for theatres which are pending before them.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the Committee on Licenses today have submitted reports recommending that licenses be granted to three, four or more theatres in the city of Boston, for the term expiring in August next. I said last Monday that I would ask today why the Boston and Tremont theatres have been refused a license. I offer this order today, asking that the Committee on Licenses furnish this board with that information. To my knowledge, both theatres have been conducted in a proper manner. Both places have been frequented by the best people of Boston and of Massachusetts, and they have been conducted for years to the entire satisfaction of the public in general. Why they should be picked out and excepted, while licenses are granted to others, I would like to know. Perhaps before this order is passed some member of the Committee on Licenses can tell this board the reason for withholding the applications now in their possession.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to state for the information of the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Whelton) that some time ago the Committee on Licenses held a meeting and agreed to request all the managers of the different theatres of Boston to appear before the Committee on Licenses to answer certain questions which the committee felt that, as public officials, they were in duty bound to know before licenses were granted to the different places of amusement in this city. I want to state that at that meeting every theatrical manager and every amusement manager in Boston appeared before the Committee on Licenses, with the exception of the managers of the Tremont and Boston theatres. We felt at the time that they had ignored us. Subsequently we understood that at least one of these managers had gone around town and stated to several people here and there that he did not care for the Board of Aldermen, that he did not think they had any authority in the granting of licenses in this city. I understand also that the other manager has gone out of his way to make statements detrimental to the character and personality of some of the other members of this Board. But the manager of the Boston Theatre has gone so far as to say that he did not think the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston had absolutely any right whatever to grant licenses in this city. He was instrumental in going to the Legislature last year and having passed a bill for the purpose of taking away from the members of this Board the granting of amusement licenses in this city. After the matter had been threshed out in the Legislature, before the Committee on Cities, they got a bill which they thought they wanted. Afterwards they found out that it was not what they

wanted, but because it was their bill, the bill they accepted from the Committee on Cities, the bill that passed the Legislature and was signed by the governor, they now are so stubborn in the matter that they still want to maintain that that bill holds good. The Committee on Licenses had a consultation with the Corporation Counsel of the city of Boston, who tells us that we can close any house in Boston and don't have to give any reason for it. But the Committee on Licenses feel that they have good and sufficient reasons for not granting a license to these two houses; first, because they have ignored the authority of this Board; second, because the committee do not think they have received sufficient information in regard to these houses. The Boston Theatre is an old theatre, a theatre that has been constructed a great many years; a theatre that in my opinion is not a proper place to get out of in time of panic. The bill as passed by the Legislature calls for reports on certain conditions in the theatres, viz.:

"Structural conditions; facility of escape of audience; heating apparatus; water supply; lighting apparatus; condition of fire apparatus; condition of sprinklers; curtains; protection against neighborhood hazard; general condition of appliances and apparatus; general condition of stage; rating as a whole, with regard to safety of audience."

As far as the Committee on Licenses are concerned, they proceeded with absolutely no information with regard to the condition of those buildings. The Committee on Licenses felt it was their duty to grant these licenses to the places they inspected, where they were in proper condition; but, as Mr. McCarthy and the manager of the Tremont Theatre ignored the committee, the committee felt that it ought not to go to the places and inspect them. I feel that the Board ought to have information in regard to every house in Boston. The newspapers have made some talk about this matter, and have wanted to know why these things were held up, and they did not give us half time enough to consider the matter. The result was that we granted some of the licenses. The rest were held up until we granted all together. Today we have granted licenses for every place of amusement in Boston that comes under our jurisdiction, except to those two places, and I have given the reason why we have not granted licenses to those places; first, because they have ignored us; second, because we know absolutely nothing about the conditions that prevail in those places.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I merely want to state, as one member of the committee, that I dissent from that report and have right along. I have felt that these two theatres are as much entitled to their licenses as are any of the others. But being simply one member of the committee I have been unable to bring the matter before the Board.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, when the gentleman states that he dissents from any report in regard to the two places, I will simply say that I don't very well see how he can dissent from any report in regard to them, inasmuch as there has not been any report made.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, I simply wish to say that my dissent is to the statement of the chairman of the Committee on Licenses, the statement he has just made to the effect that the committee held this matter up for the reasons he has stated. That is all. I shall bring in a report of my own when the time comes.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to state at this time that I have a

great deal of confidence in what Ald. Bresnahan tells the board. I believe he is thoroughly honest in the matter. But I want to call his attention to this fact, that among the managers who did not appear at the meeting of the Committee on Licenses was Mr. Keith, and yet Mr. Keith has been granted a license. Now, you know, I know, and every member of this board knows, that the two theatres in question are well conducted. I have made but one request of the Boston Theatre this year, and was refused. I have made but one request this year of the Tremont Theatre, and that was granted. Personally, I don't know either Mr. McCarty or Mr. Schoeffel. I don't want any favors from them, and am not looking for them, do not expect them; but, looking at these theatres as legitimate business enterprises, where money is invested, places where people have occasion to go after their day's labor, it seems to me that the Committee on Licenses has had ample and sufficient time to consider whether the theatres are properly conducted or not. If I understand the new law rightly, Mr. Mulcahy, the Building Commissioner, passes on the conditions of these buildings and submits his reports to the Mayor; and, as I understand the reports on both these theatres, they are favorable. The Committee on Licenses have had these petitions before them for some time, and they have not reported one way or the other. I want the Committee on Licenses to respect the other members of the board when they ask that information which any member ought to expect of another. The Tremont Theatre and the Boston Theatre are patronized by the best people in Boston, so I am informed. I want the Committee on Licenses to give some good, substantial reason why they have been refused. If it is because of the fact that the conduct of the managers in question has not met with their approbation, that is one thing. If the conduct and management of the theatres is such as to meet with the approval of the Building Commissioner, and there is no other objection, it seems to me the Board of Aldermen should give them the licenses they make application for.

Ald. QUIGLEY.—Mr. Chairman, I will say, in answer to the gentleman from Wd. 8, that the matter has been considered by the Committee on Licenses; that they have had the matter before them, and that they are as much entitled to consideration, and the members of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston are as much entitled to consideration, as Mr. Schoeffel and Mr. McCarty. In my opinion, Mr. Schoeffel and Mr. McCarty are no better than other managers of theatres in the city of Boston. I think they should come down here and treat the Board of Aldermen with the consideration we are entitled to. The members of the Board of Aldermen of this city are elected by the people to take care of the city's interests; and, in the opinion of Corporation Counsel Babson, given to the Committee on Public Improvements, which consists of the entire Board of Aldermen, when Ald. Whelton was present, we can give a license or refuse a license to any theatre in Boston, and we can close any theatre in this city, giving no reason for it. I think we have an absolute, a good reason, for refusing to give a license to the Tremont Theatre or to the Boston Theatre, when they ignore and refuse to come before the Committee on Licenses. I think myself it is an insult to the committee when they absolutely refuse to come before us; and, from remarks I have heard upon the outside, they say they never will come to the Board of Aldermen. Under those conditions I say that we, as members of the Board of

Aldermen, have a right to retain the question of granting a license, keeping it within our province until we see fit to give it to them.

Ald. BRESNAHAN.—Mr. Chairman, in regard to the argument of the gentleman from Wd. 8 I simply wish to say that, as far as the respectable people who frequent these two theatres are concerned, I don't think the Board of Aldermen or the Committee on Licenses have interfered with the business of the houses, as far as their shows are concerned. The houses have been running ever since the theatrical season opened, and those people have been allowed to run any kind of shows they wanted to run there. People have been allowed to go there and buy tickets, enjoy the shows and go home again. So the people who go to these houses have not had their amusements interfered with in any manner, whereas the Committee on Licenses could have reported against these houses, the Board of Aldermen could have accepted the committee's report, and the houses would have been closed today, if the Board of Aldermen did as it should do. The gentleman says that, as a member of the Board, the members of the committee should respect him and the other members. We say so. But, while I say that we should respect ourselves, I say that people who come under our jurisdiction should respect us first; and I say it comes with ill grace from any member of this Board to say that we don't respect ourselves, when the main cause of complaint is that others on the outside, over whom we have jurisdiction, do not respect us. Does any man who is under the jurisdiction of any commission which sends for him, in order to obtain information, and who fails to appear before them, get what he wants? Will a carriage driver of this city who makes an application to the Board of Police get his license if the Board sends for him and asks him to appear before them, and he will not do so? I don't think the license would ever be granted. If a liquor dealer of this city is asked to go before the Board of Police, don't you think he will do so? If he does not, what happens? If a man is constructing a building in this city and the Building Department wants any information in regard to the matter and sends for him, doesn't he appear before the Building Commissioner? Well, I guess he does. And if the Building Commissioner tomorrow morning sent for the manager or proprietor of any one of these houses, and he did not appear before the commissioner, the commissioner would very soon take steps to see that the place was closed up, if the defects were not remedied. Therefore, I say when the License Committee of the Board of Aldermen, representing the whole Board and elected by the people of Boston, invited these people to attend a hearing, it was their duty to appear before us. It did not matter whether past members of the Board of Aldermen had made requests of the theatrical managers that they did not like or not, whether they had anything against past Boards or not, or against this Board or not. The fact remained that they had made an application for a license, and if the committee wanted any information before licensing their house they were entitled to it. If we wanted to ask them any questions, we had a right to do so. They did not know what we wanted to ask. We sent for them, and it was their duty to treat the Board with some degree of respect and courtesy, to come and answer any questions we saw fit to put to them. I say that, under the circumstances, they are not entitled to a

license from this Board. I don't say the houses are not well conducted—in fact, I think they are both well-conducted houses, and I think some of the most respectable people in the city go there. I think they run good shows, respectable shows. That is not the point at issue. The point at issue is that they have ignored our authority, and we ought not to allow them to do it any more than any other Board, commission or committee would allow it in the case of people they are supposed to license, of whom they wish to ask questions. Mr. Chairman, the committee have this matter under consideration. Next Wednesday there is to be a meeting of the Committee on Licenses. The chances are that the committee will consider these two licenses at that time and will have a report one way or the other to make next Monday.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I appreciate full well what Ald. Bresnahan has stated. But the fact of the matter is that you have made a distinction. You have given to Mr. Keith, who has ignored you as the other two have, his license.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, the matter under discussion at this time is not whether Mr. Keith has been licensed or not. The matter under discussion is the gentleman's order in regard to the Tremont and Boston theatres.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I am attempting to show why the Committee on Licenses should report next Monday. A distinction has been made. One man, who has ignored the Committee entirely, has been given his license. Two others, who have ignored the Committee, have as yet not been granted a license. I agree with Ald. Bresnahan that they have been discourteous, that they have not respected the power of the Board of Aldermen, that they have not shown that sense of appreciation that a business man should show, which he does show when he has matters before the Board of Police, as the alderman on my left has said. But the fact is that you have had this matter before you for some months; you have granted licenses and have not reported on others. My order calls for a report on Monday next. I am entitled to that, as a member of the Board. If you can come in here on Monday next and show good and sufficient reasons why these people should not have a license, I will be prepared to support you. At the present time I believe that both these theatres are conducted in a proper manner and in accordance with law. I want you, Mr. Chairman of the Committee on Licenses, when you come in here next Monday, to let me know as a member of the Board whether these places are being conducted properly or not—not resting your judgment on the actions of the managers.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman upon whom we will rest our judgment, if it is not upon the action of the managers?

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I have tried to make that plain—I don't

know whether I have or not. I repeat that Mr. Keith did not care to come down here or send a representative. Yet the committee granted a license to him, and the gentleman who has just asked the question finds fault with the action of the other managers who did not appear. I want to know why Mr. Keith was granted a license and the applications of the other two gentlemen have not been acted upon as yet. That is all.

Ald. QUIGLEY—The gentleman does not know whether Mr. Keith or his manager appeared before the Committee on Licenses or not.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to answer the last question. When Mr. Keith was granted his license the committee understood that a sub-committee of the Committee on Licenses had waited on Mr. Keith and found that he was very agreeable and courteous to the committee and said he had nothing against them whatever, but he was too busy to attend the meeting of the Committee on Licenses on the day it was called. That is the reason why Mr. Keith was granted his license.

The order was passed.

CLOSING OF HARVARD ST., DORCHESTER.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close Harvard St., at the bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Co., to all public travel during the time necessary for the completion of the bridge improvements at said location.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, that order in regard to closing Harvard St. is presented at the request of the Street Department. Harvard St. is a very important thoroughfare, and, while the order itself does not speak of the length of time, I desire and hope that it will be closed for only a limited, reasonable time.

The order was passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WARD 15.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the superintendent of lamps be requested to locate and maintain an electric light at the corner of Dorchester and Vale Sts., Wd. 15, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for lamp department.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald. BALDWIN moved to reconsider the action taken today on all reports, orders, petitions, etc., submitted for action by the Board.

Lost.

ADJOURNMENT.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, at 5.58 P.M., to meet on Monday, Nov. 28, 1904, at 3 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Boston, Monday, November 28, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Ald. BOWEN, senior member, presiding. Absent—Ald. CURLEY and DOYLE.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN

Thirty-six traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, December 12, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

James W. Gargan, Wd. 8; Maurice J. Quinlan, Wd. 16; Emil Swanson, Wd. 25; Joseph S. Goodnow, Wd. 22; Berthold E. Saenger, Wd. 22; John F. O'Donoghue, Wd. 4; Timothy J. Driscoll, Wd. 19; Walter F. Burk, Wd. 1; Richard J. Squires, Wd. 17; Frank E. Harrington, Wd. 24; Edward Graham, Wd. 17; Frank E. Karcher, Wd. 22; Thomas Clark, Wd. 16; William E. Clark, Wd. 9; Michael J. Ryan, Wd. 15; William Hurley, Wd. 8; Alfred C. Carr, Wd. 22; Nelson P. York, Wd. 24; Henry T. Donovan, Wd. 15; Ira A. Nay, Jr., Wd. 24; Richard L. Coleman, Wd. 4; Frank L. Omond, Wd. 4; William R. Taylor, Wd. 11; John H. Rublee, Wd. 17; George A. Merrill, Wd. 9; James S. Sweeney, Wd. 15; Samuel D. Kelley, Wd. 8; Robert J. Furlong, Wd. 16; Francis M. Cunningham, Wd. 9; Patrick J. Guerin, Wd. 10; Edward J. White, Wd. 20; Walter L. Conwell, Jr., Wd. 9; Joseph Lindon Smith, Wd. 10; Stephen P. Hurd, Wd. 24; Franklin V. Chaney, Wd. 25; Stephen J. Collins, Wd. 20.

APPOINTMENT OF INSANE HOSPITAL TRUSTEE

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Nov. 28, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

You are hereby notified that, under Stat. 1897, Chap. 395, as amended by Stat. 1897, Chap. 451, Walter J. Donovan has this day been appointed an Insane Hospital Trustee for the term ending April 30, 1906, in place of Frederick E. Atteaux, whose resignation was accepted on Nov. 22, 1904. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHERS.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Nov. 28, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

Subject to confirmation by your Board, I hereby appoint Thomas H. Hintze (239 Lexington St., Charlestown) and William Pounder (816 Saratoga St., East Boston) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

BULKHEAD OPENING—VETO

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
November 23, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval an order passed by your Board authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to issue a permit to Richard P. Kelly to place a bulkhead opening "on the Beach street side of estate No. 513 Main St."

Probably it would be inadvisable to give a permit for a bulkhead opening anywhere on the side of the estate referred to, on account of the proximity of sewerage works on that side; but it should not be granted, in any event, without the exact depth and location of the proposed bulkhead being shown on some plan accompanying the petition. No such plan or definite information accompanies either the petition or order under consideration.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, on motion of Ald. Quigley.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

M. A. Packard, an electric sign, at 7 Central Sq., Wd. 2.

Joseph Gridley, an electric sign, at 241-243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Abraham Wish, a clock sign, at 28 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Rosary Floral Co., an illuminated sign, at 52 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Brusendorff & Co., an illuminated sign at 118 Elliot St., Wd. 7.

Emerson Bros., an electric sign at 39 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Louise D. Greene, a transparency, temporarily at 31 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

H. H. Green, an electric sign, at 941 Washington St., Wd. 7.

P. Feinstein, an illuminated sign at 199 Portland St., Wd. 8.

George W. Dunlap, a barber sign at 208-210 Massachusetts avenue, Wd. 10.

John J. Curley (three petitions), political transparencies at 1783 Washington St., Wd. 15; 1168 Tremont St., Wd. 18, and 172 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Ernest E. Smith (two petitions), political transparencies, at 75½ Dorchester St., Wd. 15, and 1514 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Solomon Ernst, a sign at 2047 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Joseph E. Lanigin, illuminated sign, 1189 Washington St., Wd. 24.

George H. Denvir, electric sign, 944 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Claims

Robert Barry, for compensation for personal injuries by slipping on a banana peel on Commercial St., on April 11, 1904.

Joseph Telfair, for compensation for personal injuries received from alleged neglect at the City Hospital.

Proprietors of Rowe's Wharf, to be refunded the amount paid by them, under protest, on account of repairs on the pipe connecting water main with premises 324 Atlantic Av.

Michael C. Leen, for compensation for damages to his house, 48 Warren St., Charlestown, by a wagon of the Fire Department.

Electric Wires

Fire commissioner, for leave to erect test boxes—one on Richmond St., Wd. 6; one on Commercial St., Wd. 6; and one on Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect two poles on Aldie St., Wd. 25.

Same company, for leave to erect and to remove two poles on Norfolk St., Wd. 24.

Lamps

H. Grattan Dockrell et als., for an arc lamp on North Harvard St., corner Coolidge Road, Wd. 25.

Licenses

Charles J. Rich, for a permit for Thomas Wilson and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis-Street Theatre for one week beginning November 28.

South End Hebrew Free School, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Hub Theatre on the evening of November 27.

Boston Emergency Hospital, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Boston Theatre on the evenings of Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Marion Associates, for license for dancing entertainments at their clubhouse, 3 Brooks St., E. B., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Division 17, A. O. H., for a license for a Sunday concert on the evening of December 11, 1904, at the Dudley St. Opera House.

St. John Berchman's Society, for a license for a Sunday concert at the Park Theatre on the evening of January 1, 1905.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of Edward Brock for leave to project one bay window and a cornice from building 39 Bow St., Wd. 5.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Department (Ald.).

2. On petition of Joseph Gallagher for license to store and keep for sale oils and fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz., kerosene, at 43 Everett St., East Boston.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

3. On petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect two poles on Mozart St., Wd. 22.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, viz.:-

4. For leave to erect two poles on Trenton St., near Brooks st., Wd. 1.

George W. Sullivan, representing property at 140 Trenton St., appeared and objected, on the ground that the erection of the poles would injure his property.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. KNEELAND, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

5. For leave to erect three poles on Millet St., near Park St., Wd. 20.

William L. Carleton, 76 Harvard St., appeared and objected, on the ground that the proposed poles would injure his property on Millet St.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

6. For leave to erect three poles on Moultrie St., near Allston St., Wd. 20.

Henry C. Kendall, 564 Washington St., Dorchester; F. Coe, 13 Moultrie St.; Charles E. Spiller, 91 Kenwood St.; W. Zimmerman, 10 Allston St.; and L. W. Lee, 1123 Tremont Building, Councilman Bell representing a number of remonstrants, and a large number of others interested in property on Moul-

trie St., appeared and objected, on the ground that the proposed poles would injure their property.

Councilman Bell stated that he would agree to see that all the parties interested were notified of the public hearing, if one was given by the Committee.

Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, with instructions to give a public hearing.

7. For leave to attach wires to a tree at the corner of High and Sullivan Sts., Wd. 5.

No objection. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

MARQUISE—ORDER OF NOTICE

In the petition of President and Fellows of Harvard College for leave to project a marquee at 407-411 Washington St., Wd 7, an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Monday, Dec. 12, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereon may appear and be heard.

NUMBER LIABLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE

A communication was received from the Board of Assessors certifying that the number of persons in the city of Boston liable to enrollment in the militia is 108,127.

Placed on file.

PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

Ald. WHELTON offered an order that the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the payment of the election officers on or before December 23, 1904.

Passed. Sent down.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to give notice, by advertising the same as required by law, that meetings of the male citizens of this city, qualified to vote for city officers, will be held in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the 13th day of December next, for the election of a Street Commissioner to serve for three years; also 13 Aldermen to serve for one year; also eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years, and one member to serve for one year; also in each ward three members of the Common Council to serve for one year; also to give in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this city?"

The City Clerk is also directed to give notice, as aforesaid, that meetings of the female citizens of this city, qualified to vote for the School Committee of the City of Boston, will be held on the same day and in the same places to give in their votes for eight members of the School Committee to serve for three years, and one member to serve for one year.

The polls at said meeting will be opened at 6 o'clock A.M. and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

GAS LAMP—VAUGHAN STREET.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested to locate and maintain a gas

lamp in front of 24 Vaughan St., Wd. 20, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Lamp Department.
Passed.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Oct. 17), for leave to relocate one pole on Washington St., Wd. 23—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the superintendent of streets, made by G. T. Heywood, said poles to be located as follows:

Washington St., near Arborway, Wd. 23, number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 22 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Oct. 15, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Washington St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The superintendent of streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted, order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(2) Report on petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (re-committed Oct. 24), for leave to erect one pole on Church St., recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Church St., between Winter and Highland Sts., Wd. 20, No. of poles 1, height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches, width of sidewalk 8 feet; date of plan, Sept. 28, 1904.

The superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chap. 38, Sec. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1908.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed under a suspension of the rule.

(3) Reports on petitions for leave to erect poles, etc. (severally referred today), recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Monday, December 12, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:—

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Company of Massachusetts, to erect two poles on Aldie St., Wd. 25.

Fire Commissioner, to erect test boxes, one on Richmond St., Wd. 6; one on Commercial St., Wd. 6, and one on Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

RECESS TAKEN

The Board voted at 3.50 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. KNEELAND to take a recess subject to the call of the chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the chairman at 5.31 o'clock, P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the Mayor's message (referred Nov. 21) vetoing vote of Board granting license to Marshall Thompson for dancing entertainments at hall corner of North Russell and Cambridge Sts.—recommending that the veto be sustained, and that the message be placed on file.

The report was accepted, the message was placed on file, and the question came on again passing the vote, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Board refused to pass the vote over the Mayor's veto, the vote on doing so being, yeas none, nays 11.

(2) Reports on Mayor's messages (both referred Nov. 7), recommending the passage of preambles and orders (a) releasing to Lizzie T. Green et als. the right taken by the city to construct sewerage works in land between Wrentham and Ashmont Sts., Dorchester, and (b) releasing to Dorcas E. Wood and another the right taken by the city to construct sewerage works in land between Shepard and Shannon Sts., Brighton—Recommending the passage of the said preambles and orders.

Reports accepted; said preambles and orders passed—yeas 11, nays 0. Messages and preambles and orders sent down.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

George H. Denvir (referred today), to project an electric sign at 944 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Joseph E. Langan (referred Nov. 14), to project an illuminated sign at 1189 Washington St., Wd. 24.

Abraham Wish (referred today), to project a clock sign at 28 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Solomon Ernst (referred today), to project a sign at 2047 Washington St., Wd. 18.

Ernest E. Smith (referred today), to project a political transparency at 1514 Dorchester Ave., Wd. 24.

Ernest E. Smith (referred today), to project a political transparency at 75½ Dorchester St., Wd. 15.

John J. Curley (referred today), (1) to project a political transparency at 172 Hampden St., Wd. 17; (2) to project a political transparency at 1163 Tremont St., Wd. 18; (3) to project a political transparency at 1783 Washington St., Wd. 12.

George W. Dunlap (referred today), to project a barber sign at 208-210 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 10.

Louise D. Greene (referred today), to project a transparency temporarily at 31 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

H. H. Green (referred today), to project an electric sign at 911 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Rosary Floral Co. (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 52 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Codman & Hall Co. (referred Nov. 7), to project an illuminated sign at 647 Atlantic Ave. Wd. 6.

Same (referred Nov. 7), to project an illuminated sign at 643 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 6.

Pulaski & Kallman (referred Oct. 17), to project an illuminated sign at 578 Columbia Rd., Wd. 16.

Dr. Barnett Bruce (referred Nov. 14), to project an illuminated sign at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 18.

Brusendorff & Co. (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 118 Eliot St., Wd. 7.

Michael H. Glynn (referred Nov. 21), to project a sign at 81A Dover St., Wd. 9.

Scott & Garson (referred Nov. 21), to project an illuminated sign at 20 Union Park St., Wd. 9.

Frank Meglio (referred Nov. 7), to project an illuminated sign at 155 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual condition.

(2) Reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions: Samuel Bornstein (referred Oct. 31), to project hooks for clothing at 178 Pleasant St., Wd. 10.

Wolf Levi (referred Oct. 10), to project a pole on which to hang clothing at 142 Merrimac St., Wd. 8.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

CLAIMS

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1.) Reports on petitions of John Behan (severally referred November 21) for the payment of tax balances—recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of one hundred eighty-five and 89-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., lot 49, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 476.

(b) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of One hundred eighty-five and 89-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., Lot 48, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds lib., 2660, fol. 474.

(c) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of One hundred eighty-five and 89-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., Lot 47, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 472.

(d) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of one hundred eighty-five and 89-100 dollars, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., Lot 46, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 471.

(e) Ordered, that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$187.40, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cygnet St., lot 38, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 465.

(f) Ordered, that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis

A. White the sum of \$187.40, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cygnet St., lot 39, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 466.

(g) Ordered, that the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under chapter 390, section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dumas St., lot 41, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 468.

(h) Ordered, That the city treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dumas St., Lot 45, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, fol. 469.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed. Sent down.

(2) Report on the petition of Mattie S. and Freeman S. Wight (referred Oct. 10), for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth Ave., Brighton—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Accepted. Sent down.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to four newsboys.

Report severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Charles J. Rich (referred today) for permit for Thomas Wilson and other children, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis Theatre, for one week beginning Nov. 28—that a permit be granted.

Report accepted, permit granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Marion Associates (referred today) for license for dancing entertainments at Club House, 3 Brooks St., East Boston, for the season ending August 11, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses for Sunday concerts at various places—that licenses be granted, viz.:

South End Hebrew Free School, Hub Theatre, evening of Nov. 27.

Division 17, A. O. H., Dudley St. Opera House, evening of Dec. 11.

Boston Emergency Hospital, Boston Theatre, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 1904.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions:

South End Hebrew Free School (referred November 21), for a license for Sunday concerts at the theatre on Sunday evenings during the season ending August 1, 1905.

L. B. Walker (referred Aug. 1), for a license for dances, socials, lodge meetings, etc., in Partridge Hall, 53 Hanover St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

(6) Reports that no further action is necessary on the following petitions:

M. Shenkel (referred Sept. 26) for a license for musical and dancing entertainments at hall 46 Stillman St., for season ending August 1, 1905.

Columbia Benevolent Society (referred Oct. 24), for a license for Sunday concerts on the evenings of Nov. 13, 20 and 27, at the Columbia Theatre. Harry N.

Farren, Mgr. (referred Sept. 12), for a license for musical, dramatic and vaudeville entertainments at the "Gaiety," Washington St., corner Motte St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Columbia Benevolent Society (referred Nov. 7), for Sunday concert on Sunday evening, Nov. 20, at the Columbia Theatre.

Reports severally accepted.

(7) Report on the petition of Emergency Hospital, James L. Koch, M. D., Superintendent (referred Sept. 26), for a license for Sunday concerts during the season ending Aug. 1, 1905, at the Globe Theatre and Grand Opera House, the proceeds from said concerts to be devoted to said hospital—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted; petitioner given leave to withdraw.

THEATRE LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, under an order passed last week the Committee on Licenses were expected to report on the licenses of the Boston and Tremont theatres. But the

committee understands that one of the managers is out of town and the other sick. We were not able to get them before the committee, and the committee would like another week to consider the matter. The committee would like to have that courtesy extended.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, in view of the explanation by the chairman of the Committee on Licenses, and also because of the fact that I respect each committee and every member of this Board, I am agreeable to the extension of time, giving the Committee on Licenses an additional week, with the understanding that we are to have a report on Monday next.

The CHAIR—If there is no objection, the Committee on Licenses will be granted one more week.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. BROMBERG the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. HENNESSEY, at 5.39 P.M., to meet on Monday, Dec. 5, at 3 P.M.



CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, December 1, 1904.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

CALL FOR MEETING

The Clerk read the call for the meeting, as follows:

President's Office, Common Council,
City Hall, Boston, Mass, Nov. 28, 1904.
To the Members of the Common Council:

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council will be held in the Common Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 1, 1904, at 7.45 o'clock, P.M.

Arthur W. Dolan, President.

Placed on file.

VOTING BOOTH IN COPLEY SQUARE.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.,
October 27, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners in answer to your order asking if the voting booth, now placed in Copley Sq., Wd. 10, cannot be put in a less conspicuous place.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Board of Election Commissioners,
Old Court House,

Boston, Oct. 26, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Sir:—Relative to the accompanying order requesting the Election Board, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Common Council whether the voting booth, now placed in Copley Sq., Wd. 10, can hereafter be put in a less conspicuous place, the Board respectfully replies that it has carefully considered the matter; that since 1896 the booth has been located every year in the same place; that on Aug. 19, 1904, this location was designated by vote of this Board as the polling place in Wd. 10, Precinct 7, for the State and City primaries and elections for the year 1904, and has since then been publicly announced as the polling place for the voters of that precinct; that the State primary was held at said polling place on September 27, 1904, and that the Board considers it inadvisable under all the circumstances to make any change in said location.

Respectfully,

Board of Election Commissioners,

John M. Minton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

OPINIONS OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Nov. 3, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel, in answer to your orders as to the right of street cars to stand on the streets and as to the right of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to use poles in the streets of the city for the purpose of conveying power to towns outside of Boston. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department.

73 Tremont St., Boston, Oct. 27, 1904.
Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Dear Sir:—I received from you a few days ago two votes of the Common Council asking my opinion on topics somewhat outside of the jurisdiction of that body.

In the first order I am requested to inform the council "whether or not it is legal for the Boston Elevated Railway Company to occupy the streets of the city by making terminals for certain lines and keeping the cars standing in these streets for periods of more than 10 minutes."

In reply I would say that the cars of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, like those of other railway companies that have received locations, are allowed to run in the streets and stop for the purpose of letting passengers get off and on the cars. For a great many years omnibuses and street cars have run to certain places on certain streets which were the ends of their routes and have there stopped until their next trip. Street cars, like other vehicles, have not the right to stop in one place so long as to block the streets and incommode travel. As to whether they block the streets or incommode travel is a question of fact in each case to be decided by the courts if complaint is made by proper officers. If such obstruction and blocking of the street is so continuous as to prevent ordinary travel, it might be a case for the interference of the Board of Aldermen and the Railroad Commissioners with a view of taking away the location.

In the second order I am asked to give my opinion "whether it is legal or not for the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to occupy the streets of the city with its poles for the sole purpose of carrying its power into towns outside of Boston."

I would say in reply that substantially this question was answered by a former corporation counsel, the reply being found on Page 382 of the City Council Minutes of 1903.

Chapter 122 of the Revised Laws provides in its first and second sections for the rights and powers in a highway of companies incorporated for the transmission of electricity for lighting, heating and power. Under the provisions of these sections, if the Edison Company or any other lighting company, has a writing from the Board of Aldermen specifying where its poles may be located, the kind of poles, and the height at which and the places where the wires may run, it may construct lines for the transmission of electricity for lighting upon and along the public ways of the Commonwealth.

I agree with my predecessor in the opinion that it is legal for the Edison Company to occupy the streets of the city with its poles for the sole purpose of carrying its power to towns outside of Boston, if it has obtained a location for its poles from the Board of Aldermen.

Whether the Edison Company has a right under its charter to sell electricity in towns and cities outside of Boston, is a question which I have not considered. I suppose it has, or the attorney-general, at the information of some outside company, would have interfered to have prevented it.

Respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson.

Corporation Counsel.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I would just like to ask a question in relation to that communication. As I understood the clerk to read it, the corporation counsel says that those two questions are outside of the province of this Council.

The CLERK—The communication says: "I received from you a few days ago two votes of the Common Council asking my opinion on topics somewhat outside of the jurisdiction of that body."

Mr. CONWAY—Mr. President, I would like to know, if you can give me the information, why those two questions are outside of the jurisdiction of this Council? It seems to me they are questions of public importance and, perhaps, of public safety and convenience. I presumed that this Council had the privilege, if not the right, to ask from an official of the city of Boston who is supposed to give information, his opinion on anything which a member of the Council or the Council itself considers is of importance to the people of the city or to the people of his particular district.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, for the information of the gentleman, that it would appear that the answer of the Corporation Counsel was given in those words for the reason that the matter of granting the locations for poles, as well as the street railway locations, is exclusively within the control of the Board of Aldermen. I think that perhaps he recognizes our right to have an opinion upon them, although we have not jurisdiction—because he follows up his statement by giving an opinion.

Mr. CONWAY—I certainly know, of course, that we have no right to give locations for poles or locations for tracks; but, still, I did think that if those locations were given improperly, or if anything should come up by reason of those locations being given, that even in the lower branch we had the right to ask from the corporation counsel his opinion.

The PRESIDENT—It would seem to me that he had given his opinion.

Mr. CONWAY—Certainly; but it seems to me that, in giving his opinion, he denies that we have the right to ask him that question.

The PRESIDENT—That is, of course, a question of construction of his language, and it is not my province to enter a discussion as to that. It is possible that the criticism may be a just one; but it appears to me, as I before stated, that it is a matter which is somewhat outside of the jurisdiction of the Council. That is a perfectly true statement. He then follows up that statement with an opinion.

The Mayor's message, with enclosure, was placed on file.

ANNUAL REPORT TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The following was received:—

Boston Transit Commission,
15 Beacon St., Boston.
November 14, 1904.

Arthur W. Dolan, Esq., President Common Council:

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of section 24, chapter 548, acts of 1894, the annual report of this commission. By order of the commission. B. Leighton Beal, Secretary.

(Annexed was the annual report referred to.) Placed on file.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTIONS

The following was received:—

Hon. Joseph O'Kane, Clerk of the Common Council, Boston, Mass.:—
Senator Hoar's family gratefully acknowledges the Boston Common Council's kind expression of sympathy.

Worcester, Mass., October, 1904.
Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message transmitting a vote of the Board of Art Commissioners, approved by him, relocating the statue of John Winthrop and placing it upon the lot of land on Marlborough St. recently conveyed to the City of Boston by the First Church in Boston. Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, together with his formal certificate that the right, taken in 1898, to construct sewerage works in land of Lizzie T. Green, and of Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, located between Wrentham and Ashmont Sts., Dorchester, has not been made use of by the city, and that the city does not now intend to make use of the easement then taken.

The passage of the following preambles and order is recommended in said message:

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed Oct. 28, 1898, took, for the improvement of Teanean creek, the right to construct sewerage works in certain land then belonging to Lizzie T. Green and to Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, and particularly described in said order; and

Whereas, The superintendent of streets, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right or easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

Ordered, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right or easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made upon the consideration that said Lizzie T. Green, Edmund A. Whitman and W. Parker Morse, or their legal representatives, shall release and discharge the city from all claims and demands for damages on account of said taking.

The message was placed on file and the preambles and order were passed in concurrence, yeas 53, nays 0.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McKie, McKirdy, Moynihan, Newton, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rackowsky, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Warner, Williams, Wood—53.

Absent or not voting—Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Craig, Crowley (2), Dalton, Fay, Gleason, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKinney, McKnight, McMackin, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan (15)—22.

3. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, together with his formal certificate that the right, taken in 1898, from Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, to construct sewerage works in lands located between Shepard and Shannon Sts., Brighton, has not been made use of by the city, and that the city does not now intend to make use of the easement then taken.

The passage of the following preambles and order is recommended in said message:

Whereas, The Board of Street Commissioners, by an order passed July 26, 1898, for the purpose of making an im-

provement of Shepard brook, took the right to construct sewerage works in certain lands then supposed to belong to Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, and respectively described in said order; and

Whereas, The superintendent of streets, now having charge of said land and easement, has notified the City Council that the right or easement so taken is no longer required for public purposes; it is hereby

Ordered, That the mayor be, and hereby is authorized, in the name and behalf of the city and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 294 of the Acts of 1901, to declare the right or easement so taken to be abandoned, such declaration of abandonment to be made upon the consideration that said Dorcas E. Wood and Delia Doherty, administratrix, or their legal representatives, shall release and discharge the city from all claims and demands for damages on account of said taking.

The message was placed on file, and the preambles and order were passed in concurrence, yeas 54, nays 0.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Graumann, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, MacLoud, McKie, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Warner, Williams, Wood—54.

Absent or not Voting—Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Crowley (2), Dalton, Fay, Gleason, Hanley, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKinney, McKnight, Newton, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan (15)—21.

4. Mayor's message recommending the transfer set forth in the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2000) be transferred from the appropriation for rebuilding the bridge on Shawmut avenue over the railroad tracks to an appropriation for "Stairs from Summer St. to A St."

The Mayor's message was placed on file, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage in concurrence.

Mr. FERBER of Wd 10—Mr. President, I rise for information. I will inquire if any member of the Council can inform me what "Stairs from Summer St. to A St." means?

The President—The chair will direct the clerk to read the Mayor's message.

The clerk did as requested.

The order was passed in concurrence; yeas 53, nays 0.

Yeas—Abbott, Barrett, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Coughlin, Craig, Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McGonagle, McKie, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Rachowsky, Simms, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Warner, Williams, Woods—54.

Absent or not voting—Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Crowley (2), Dalton, Fay, Gleason, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McKinney, McKnight, Newton, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Hawley, MacLoud, Sullivan (15)—21.

There being no objection the Council proceeded to consider Nos. 5 to 9, inclusive, together, viz.:

5. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Max Hurvitz, referred July 11, for compensation for damage to property caused by collapse of wall on city land on Langdon street—leave to withdraw.

6. Report of same committee, on petition of Morris Glaserman, referred July 11, for compensation for personal injuries caused by collapse of wall on city land on Langdon street—leave to withdraw.

7. Report of same committee, on petition of Jacob Schwartz, referred May 23, for compensation for damage to property caused by defective sewer on Albion street—leave to withdraw.

8. Report of same committee, on petition of Joseph Leahy, referred Sept. 12, for compensation for injuries received from an alleged defect on Huntington-avenue bridge—leave to withdraw.

9. Report of same committee, on petition of Mattie S. and Freeman S. Wight, referred Oct. 10, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue—leave to withdraw.

Severally accepted in concurrence.

There being no objections, the president directed the clerk to read No. 10 by its title, viz.:

10. Reports of Committee on Claims, on petitions of John Behan, referred Nov. 21, recommending the passage of the following orders:

(a) Ordered, That the city treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sect. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp street, lot 49, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 476.

(b.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., lot 48, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 474.

(c.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., lot 47, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 472.

(d.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sect. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Antwerp St., lot 46, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 471.

(e.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$187.40, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sect. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cygnet St., lot 38, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 465.

(f.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$187.40, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sect. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Cygnet St., lot 39, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 466.

(g.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sect. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from

the sale of an estate on Dumas St., lot 44, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 468.

(h.) Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Francis A. White the sum of \$185.89, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Dumas St., lot 45, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2660, page 469.

Reports severally accepted, orders passed in concurrence.

11. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners prepare for flooding and skating Marcella-street Playground, Wd. 22, Washington-street Playground, Roslindale Playground and Billings Field Playground, Wd. 23; the expense of same to be taken from the appropriation for parks.

Passed in concurrence.

12. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized to proceed at once with the construction of the Marcella-street playground, the expense incurred to be charged to the appropriation for playground, Wd. 22.

Passed in concurrence.

13. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to order the laying out and construction of Stonehurst St., Wd. 20, as public highway of the City of Boston.

Passed in concurrence.

14. Ordered, That the superintendent of public grounds be authorized to hire the lot of land heretofore used for temporary playground purposes in Neponset, Wd. 24; the expense of same, not to exceed \$100, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Dept.

Passed in concurrence.

15. Resolved, That the City Council heartily endorses the action of His Honor the Mayor in requesting the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to reduce the price charged for gas by the gas companies doing business in this city to eighty cents per thousand cubic feet, thereby reducing to a reasonable amount the profits to be derived by the said companies and by the proposed Boston Consolidated Gas Company.

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston wishes to express its appreciation of the able and energetic manner in which the newspapers publish in this city have furthered the movement inaugurated by the Mayor in favor of relieving our citizens from the burden of paying what they consider an exorbitant price for one of the necessities of life.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

The resolves and order were passed in concurrence.

16. Ordered, That the City Clerk prepare and have printed an edition of 1000 copies of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, with all additions and amendments thereto and to the Revised Regulations of 1898; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund.

The PRESIDENT—If there is no objection, the order will take its second reading at this time.

Mr. FERBER of Ward 10—Mr. President, I had an amendment to this order drawn up, but have mislaid it. If the Chair can accept it without its being put into writing at the present time, I would like to move, as an amendment to the order, that the number be made 10,000, and that 9000 of the 10,000 copies be in paper covers.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the gentleman from Wd. 10 to place his amendment in writing.

Mr. Ferber did as requested, and

the question came on adopting his amendment, striking out "one thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words "ten thousand," and by inserting after the figures "1898" the words "and that nine thousand be in paper covers."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, that is an order which I have deemed necessary for some years, but I have refrained from offering it before, during the present year, because I was informed that there might be a revision this year. That same information has been given to me for some years—that there was likelihood of a new revision, and that therefore any copies printed could probably not be used. But years have gone by, and no new revision has taken place. In the meantime, the citizens of Boston are expected to obey laws when they have no means of finding out what the laws are. The Commonwealth is very lavish in the distribution of its Blue Book, both in the cardboard bound covers and in paper covers. No citizen, I believe, who desires to know what the laws of the Commonwealth are is deprived of the privilege of obtaining a copy of the laws passed during that year. But here we have a collection of the laws of the city of Boston which even the lawyers of the city of Boston, who are supposed to interpret those laws, cannot get hold of. There are only a few of the large law offices in the city that have copies of the Revised Ordinances, and certainly not any small ones. I know that the copy that I obtained on account of my membership in the city government has been loaned to a great number of attorneys. Now, it has seemed to me that it is a very reasonable expenditure for the city of Boston to print a number of the Revised Ordinances. Certainly, if we are going to have another edition, it seems to me that instead of having merely 1000 copies in sheepskin covers, we should have a larger number in paper covers. As far as I am personally concerned, I would be willing to have them all in paper covers. I would be in favor of having the edition gotten out as cheaply as possible, the aim being to get the information into the hands of the citizens of Boston who desire to know what the laws of the city of Boston are. I trust that this amendment will prevail, because I do not think the expense will be raised very considerably by the printing of the larger number.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, it seems to me that the city of Boston is not in the business of supplying law books to the lawyers of Boston. It seems to me that if the lawyers of Boston want law books they should take the same means of obtaining them that they do of obtaining the Revised Laws of the State.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question?

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that, if the gentleman yields the floor for a question, he yields the floor for all purposes.

Mr. CONWAY—I would like to yield for Mr. Ferber, for a question, but under those conditions I am afraid that I cannot. I do not know, Mr. President, whether or not the Revised Ordinances of the City are printed outside of those printed by the city under an order of the City Government; but other law books are, and it seems to me that the Revised Ordinances of the city might be. I do not see the necessity, Mr. President, of this large number of copies—or of any number of copies, so far as that is concerned—being printed and paid for by the citizens of Boston. As I understand it, these laws are under revision, and we do not know when

that work will be done. If it is done in the very near future, then this money will have been expended for no good purpose. It will be practically a waste of that amount of money that will be that the amount of money that will be expended in printing that number of copies will be considerable. It seems to me, Mr. President, be it one thousand or ten thousand copies, it is not proper for the city government to spend money in that way. I do not believe that the benefit that the citizens of Boston will obtain, or that the people of Boston will obtain, from those copies being printed, will be in proportion to their cost.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, I hope the amendment will pass. I wish to take issue with the gentleman who thinks these copies can be obtained on the outside. As a matter of law, any ordinances or reports of sister states or of the city cannot be offered in evidence in the courts unless it is published by the branches making the laws or by their authority. Little, Brown & Co., publishers of law books in this city, could not publish the Revised Ordinances of the City of Boston for the use of lawyers, for the simple reason that unless the City Council gave to them the right to publish the ordinances they could not be offered in evidence. They would, therefore, be of no more value to a lawyer before the court than a newspaper account. They would have no official standing. For that reason, I would like to have the amendment adopted. Police officers and business people have occasion continually to refer to the ordinances. Junk dealers, grocers, men connected with different branches of business, those brought in touch with the police, have continual occasion to refer to our ordinances. I think it is but right to have 10,000 copies printed, so that anybody who wants a copy should get one.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, it seems to me that the amendment offered by my friend from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber) is certainly for the best interests of the citizens of Boston. In the early part of the year I endeavored to obtain for myself as a member of the City Council a copy of the ordinances for home use. I found that I would have to use my copy on the desk. I came in and got that and took it back and forth. But there is always a chance that a councilman will lose his copy, a chance that he will lend it to the wrong person, and sometimes a chance that there will be no copy on the desk, as it appears, for the incoming councilman. It seems to me we should have a large number of these copies. I think the printing of the 9000 extra copies by the printing establishment in paper covers will not be a tremendous extravagance, and I hope the amendment will pass.

The question was put on the adoption of the amendment. The Chair, being in doubt, a rising vote was taken, and the amendment was adopted, 31 members in favor, 12 against.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and the amendment was adopted, yeas 32, nays 26.

Yeas—Barrett, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Crowley (7), Ferber, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Grady, Higgins, Hourin, Kelley, Lacey, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, McDermott, McKie, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Stalker, Warner, Williams—32.

Nays—Abbott, Bradley, Conway (23), Coughlin, Craig, Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fitzgerald (5), Gethro, Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Jepson, Leavitt, Maynard, McGonagle,

McKnight, Newton, Patterson, Price, Simms, Sullivan (9), Wood—26.

Absent or not Voting—Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Crowley (2), Dalton, Fay, Gleason, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McKinney, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan (15)—17.

The order was passed as amended. Mr. MURRAY of Wd. 5 moved to reconsider; lost. Smt up.

17. Ordered, That the salaries of all city and county employees on monthly pay-rolls be allowed and paid on or before November 23, in anticipation of the December draft, and on or before December 24, in anticipation of the January draft; and the heads of departments are hereby requested to submit payrolls to the City Auditor in season to have this order carried into effect.

Passed in concurrence.

18. Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the payment of the election officers on or before December 23, 1904.

Passed in concurrence.

PARK-SQ. MONUMENT.

Mr. LACEY of Wd. 10 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the superintendent of public grounds to reproduce and replace the four bronze vases belonging to the Emancipation Monument in Park Sq., the originals having been stolen, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Dept. Referred to the mayor.

HAND-RAIL—SOUTH-ST. SUBWAY.

Mr. JEPSON of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the superintendent of streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have a wooden hand-rail constructed on both sides of the Subway, under the railroad, on South St., Wd. 23.

Referred to the mayor.

REMOVAL OF WIRES

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered a resolve—That the Commissioner of Wires be requested to remove the electric wires running through the elm trees in the bridle path on Beacon St., between Audubon Circle and St. Mary's St., and place them underground, in order to save the trees.

Referred to the Mayor.

BOND FOR PURCHASING AGENT

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to require the purchasing agent of the Street Department to give a bond with sureties conditioned on the honest and faithful performance of the duties of his office.

The President declared the order referred to the Mayor.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I would like to have the president withdraw the reference.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will withdraw the reference.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, someone is stealing from the city of Boston about \$40,000 a year in the shape of rake-offs on cement contracts. Mr. President, I am in favor of reducing the cost of gas in the city of Boston twenty cents. I am also in favor of reducing the price of cement forty cents. The city of Boston is purchasing cement at the present time at prices

which its agent says range from \$1.65 to \$2.45 in bags, and from \$1.95 to \$2.75 in barrels. The city of Boston does not go into the open market and advertise for bids, but it gives its contracts to certain favored contractors. The price of cement in the open market, as paid for by the Transit Commission during the present year, is something like \$1.40 a barrel. I will read a number of the contracts made in the present year. On May 12, 1904, 50 barrels, Catskill brand, Portland cement, were bought of Waldo Bros. at \$1.40; May 20, 1904, 100 barrels, Catskill brand, Waldo Bros., \$1.40; Jan. 21, 1904, 500 to 1000 barrels, Atlas brand, Waldo Bros., \$1.30; May 23, 1904, 25 barrels, Catskill brand, \$1.40, 350 barrels per week if desired; June 4, 1904, 1000 barrels, Vulcanite brand, Waldo Bros., \$1.40, 300 barrels per week if desired; July 8, 1904, 8500 barrels, Catskill brand, Waldo Bros., at \$1.25 and \$1.18 respectively for the 8000 and the 500 barrels. The Transit Commission goes into the open market.

In the City of Somerville, for the best grade of Portland cement, they are paying \$1.30 per barrel by the carload, delivered directly to the city. In the City of Cambridge a contract was made early in the present year with Curtis & Pope for 3000 barrels, delivered anywhere in the city, at \$1.40. In New York, they are paying \$1.25. Siegel, Cooper company's building cement costs \$1.30. Mr. President, His Honor the Mayor will no doubt investigate this matter, as his duties under the charter require him to do. He will call the attention of the District Attorney to the matter and ask him to proceed to punish the offenders. Those things he will no doubt do, and when the offenders are brought to justice, the people of the community, the taxpayers, will have seen justice done; but they will still be out of pocket, and the order which I offer tonight is to provide for the future, so that in case this thing happens again the city can look to the sureties on the bond for its payment to recoup itself. Mr. President, I trust that this matter will be referred to the Mayor.

The order was referred to the Mayor.

PUBLISHING OF PAY-ROLLS.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following:—

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:—

The city auditor shall cause to be printed and published within the month of September in each year a list of all the officials and employees employed in any of the departments, bureaus or offices of the City Government, who have been or have become such officials or employees during the preceding 12 months.

Said list shall contain name, residence by ward, street and number, nature of position or service, civil service rating, if any; date of entry into service or employment, if such has occurred during such period; salary or wages, the appropriation or loan order or orders from which said salary or wages was paid during said period, a distinct statement of the decrease or increase of said salary or wages during said period, the age and length of service of each official or employee.

Said list shall be catalogued under the following headings when possible: Departments, divisions, districts and sub-districts. It shall be the duty of the heads of departments or bureaus or officers not under a department to furnish the city auditor all the information required to be inserted therein. It shall be the duty of the city auditor to supervise the publication of said lists, and on or before the first day of October in each year, to certify to the treas-

urer of the City of Boston that the several lists so required to be furnished have been furnished to him by the said heads of departments, bureaus or offices, and the treasurer is hereby forbidden to pay the salary of said heads of department, bureaus or office who has not furnished such list until he has received such certificate. The city auditor shall have the power to make requisitions in writing upon the heads of departments to furnish the information necessary to make up such lists, according to the rules prescribed and printed by him, and such information must be supplied by the department within 10 days after such requisition.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, I move that the rules be suspended so that that ordinance may be put upon its passage tonight.

The question came on suspending the rules.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, the time has come for the publication of the payrolls of the City of Boston. This matter has been before the city for the last four years; but the abuses which this ordinance is intended to prevent have not until now become so notorious as to stir public opinion. To-day we are confronted by a public scandal, and the people of the city are thoroughly aroused, and, I believe, demand the publication of these payrolls. The payrolls are loaded with the names of dead men, upon whose names other men in the city—their relatives—or other men who give no return for the money—draw their salaries. The paupers are impersonated for the purpose of drawing salaries, and the civil service laws are violated with impunity. Now, Mr. President, not very long ago someone called the attention of the civil service commissioners to the fact that there were four assistant draftsmen on the payrolls who were not on the civil service lists at the State House. The civil service commissioners notified the Street Department, and soon afterwards the civil service commissioners received this letter from the Street Department:

Street Department,
City Hall, Boston, Mass.,

September 17, 1904.

Civil Service Commissioners, State House, Boston, Mass.

Sirs:—In replying to your communications of the 15th instant, I wish to notify you that I have ordered the discharge of Thomas A. Ritchie, Nicholas P. Fitzgerald, Matthew J. McBreen and John H. Wallace, the men complained of in your letters.

Yours respectfully,

James Donovan,
Superintendent of Streets.

I learned, Mr. President, that the excuse given for the presence of those men on the payrolls was the fact that the Congress street bridge had closed, preventing all traffic over that bridge, and that that fact doubled the traffic on the Summer street bridge. That excuse was given to the Commissioners, and was accepted by them. The Commissioners were not told that, although the traffic was doubled on Summer St., the force of men on the Summer street bridge was also doubled, because of the fact that the Congress street bridge men went over onto the Summer street bridge—so that excuse was not a good one. When this matter was called to my attention, I thought I would make an investigation, on my own hook, and I gave a half an hour to this investigation. I went down to the Auditor's office, and I got the Bridge Division payrolls. I took the names of the new men on those payrolls. There were 22 in all. I went to the Civil Service

Commissioners' Office in the State House, and asked if those men were on their lists. I found that, of those 22 names, six names were not on their lists at all, and that one was there, but had not been sent down; so that, out of 22 names, over 25 per cent. were illegally placed upon the payrolls. I was told by the Civil Service Commissioners that this department had been especially good in its observance of the civil service law. My query is, if this department is better than others, what will the payrolls of the others show? Now, I also wish to ask, if I can in a half an hour get six names out of 22 illegally on the payrolls, how many can all of us members here get in half an hour? How many can the whole City of Boston, with the payrolls of the city before them, get in a half an hour.

Now, Mr. President, the Boston Journal has recently divulged the names of several other men who were improperly on the payroll, and the names of those men—at least if they were dead men—have been removed from the roll. First, there was the name of Patrick J. Craven. He has been dead over a year, and his salary was being drawn by his son, who did not work. His name was removed. Then there was Anthony Cox, a pauper at Long Island, upon whose name a salary of \$2.10 a day had been drawn for seven years. He was removed—that is, his name was removed. He had been removed some time before. Then there was James J. Murphy, who was dead, but upon whose name \$2.10 a day had been drawn for some time. John E. L. Monaghan had also been drawing pay improperly at \$3 a day. His name was removed. Mr. Matthew McGregor has been dead since early spring, but his pay has been going on just the same. The name of Adolph Handler appears on the payroll as brush and broom maker, at \$2 a day. In the directory he is given as a tailor, on Albany St. (Laughter.) Mr. John J. McLaughlin, Mr. John T. Sweeney and Mr. Joseph J. Sullivan are on the payrolls as electricians, drawing respectively \$3.25, \$3 and \$3 a day. Those men are not on the Civil Service list. Mr. Ambrose Hart has been dead nearly a year. Some one has been drawing his pay since his death. Now, you may laugh, gentlemen; but it is a serious affair, and it is something that affects the honor of every one of us. We ought to be proud of our city, and we ought to do what we can to put a stop to this kind of thievery. I hope that we will take this matter into our hands tonight and do what we can now to stop it. The principle of the order is just the same as the principle of a light in the street. When lights were put into the streets of London crime decreased 50 per cent, and I hope, Mr. President, that when the payrolls are published crime in the city of Boston, in its city departments, will decrease 50 per cent.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on suspending the rule, so that the ordinance may be put upon its passage tonight.

Mr. CONWAY of Ward 23—Mr. President, I believe in a large part of what the gentleman from Ward 11 (Mr. Pierce) has said. I believe that the citizens of Boston should know who are employed by them, and how much they are obtaining for the employment so given; and I believe, with him, that perhaps those payrolls ought to have been published several years ago. If that had been done, perhaps the gentleman who has been dead seven years would not have been drawing his pay. I do not believe, with him, Mr. President, that the time is any more ripe now for publishing the payrolls of the city than it was seven years ago. I

do not believe, Mr. President, that there are any more illegal names on the payrolls of the City of Boston now than there were in the past. I do not believe that there are any more at the present time on the payrolls now as pigeon feeders, and as veterinary's nurses than there were sometimes in the past. I do not believe that any man should be on the payrolls of the City of Boston without giving ample return for the money that he is receiving, and I do not believe that any man should be there who has not a right to be there, according to the Civil Service laws. I believe, Mr. President, for that reason, that the citizens of Boston should know who are drawing salaries from the City of Boston, what they are doing, and how much they are getting paid for doing it. I do not believe, Mr. President, that any man should draw a salary and be rated at a certain amount on the payrolls at any time, when there is another man doing the same work and getting less than that man does. From my point of view, Mr. President, I do not think that it should be made a question of politics, or that one administration should be charged with this, and the finger of scorn pointed to that administration, or that it should be said that that administration is the only one that has done such things. I believe, from my little experience in reading and from my experience in the City Government, that one administration is just as bad in that regard as another. I do not believe that any member can say that one administration is any worse than another. For that reason, and also for the purpose of preventing any man drawing money from the City of Boston that he does not earn, I believe that the citizens of Boston should have an opportunity to know who are working for them and what their salaries are.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I fully agree with the remarks of both the gentlemen who have preceded me. Still, it was voted at the beginning of this year that we should have certain committees, and that those committees should have certain duties to perform. Now, I believe it is the duty of the members of this body, when any matter comes before it which a committee can handle to allow that committee to exercise its powers. It is often claimed that the committees of this body have had their powers taken away from them by the Legislature. When we object to that kind of thing to the Legislature, the claim is made that the Council itself does not allow the committees to exercise the powers that they have. Now, the ordinance which is presented tonight is, I believe, a fair and proper matter for the Committee on Ordinances to consider. We have a Committee on Ordinances in existence, and it is appointed to consider just such matters as this. It is entirely possible that that committee can improve upon the order that has been presented here tonight. There may be certain things contained in it that they can improve upon, and I do not believe it is fair for the Council to create a committee and define its duties, and then, when an opportunity is offered for it to go to work, to brush that committee aside. It is unfair to the members of our committee; it is unjudicious and it is unwise. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope that the rules will not be suspended, but that the matter will be referred to the committee.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I think that the argument offered by my friend from Wd. 8 (Mr. Mancovitz) would hold some water if the committees in the past had done their duty. For instance, Mr. President, we

have on our calendar here tonight an order which I hope to have disposed of before the Council adjourns, if we have time. It shows just how much work, and just how earnest work the committees of this Council do. They pay no more attention, Mr. President, in some cases, to the orders from Council than if the Council were nothing at all. The order on the calendar has reference to the Building Committee; but the Committee on Ordinances is just as lax as the Building Committee. If the Committee on Ordinances had an ordinance referred to it which it does not report back, the ordinance is pigeon-holed, the same as other matters are that are referred to other committees. For that reason, Mr. President, I believe that, when committees show that they are unwilling to do the work which they are appointed to do, or when they neglect to do the work which is assigned them, the Council itself should take the matter in hand and do the work, and not refer the matter to the committee, whenever it finds that the custom in the past of referring matters to that committee has been of no avail, because the order is referred to it and dies there. Under that arrangement, Mr. President, the Council becomes of secondary consideration, and a creature of the committee, the committee having the real say as to whether an order shall be passed, or shall be refused passage. For that reason, Mr. President, I do not believe that this ordinance should be referred to the Committee on Ordinance, nor do I believe that any other subject of a similar nature should be referred to any committee which refuses to act according to the orders of the Council.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8.—Mr. President, in reply to the gentleman when he objects to reference to the committee, I will say that it is always in the power of the council to call a committee to account, if it does not act properly, and is always within its power to recall any order referred to a committee. If the gentleman from Wd. 23 was fair and honest in his position in regard to committees, at the beginning of the year, he could have introduced an order at the time when the rules of this body were accepted and adopted, to do away with committees entirely. He at that time, after his experience in this body of two or three past years, did not see fit to take that step. I think this is a late day to fight the committees. I think if he had treated the committees fairly he would now feel differently towards them. But this is the first time I have heard the idea advanced of discharging a committee without giving it an opportunity to be heard. To my mind his opinion as to what committees can accomplish does not carry with it much weight. I know it does not, as far as the committees I am on are concerned. The members of those committees certainly do the best they can, and do good work. I feel that I would be slighted and my intelligence insulted, as a member of the Committee on Ordinances, if an order introduced in this council was not sent to that committee, because there was a feeling that the committee was unable to handle it. I think it is our duty to respect the committees we create, and allow them to proceed with their work.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21.—Mr. President, to leave for a few minutes the Building Committee and go back to the Committee on Ordinances, I would like to say simply this, that I have understood from the papers, as I have read them in past years, that similar orders to this, regarding the publishing of the payroll of the City of Boston, have been referred to the Committee on Ordinances, and have not been reported back. According to parliamentary law, we have

a provision for the suspension of the rule. That provision is allowed for a purpose. That purpose is, as I understand it, that when a thing needs immediate attention, the rules are to be suspended and the matter considered by the body in whose charge it is. I respectfully submit that at the present time this matter does need attention, and needs immediate attention. For that reason, if for no other, I think, with all due respect to any committee, that we are entitled at this time to pass this ordinance and send it to the higher body just as quickly as we possibly can. In regard to the remarks made by the gentleman from Wd. 23 (Mr. Conway) in regard to other administrations, I am sure that my colleague on the right (Mr. Pierce) placed the matter far enough back when he said "four years" to include one year's administration of a party opposite to that of my friend from Wd. 23. I don't think we are trying to play politics in this. I for one, am willing to admit that for years this matter has been gaining strength, just as a snowball rolling down a hill gains in material and momentum. It seems to me the time to stop it is now. I have no desire to make any charge against this administration as having done anything unusual, or against the head of the administration as in any way consciously culpable for anything that has taken place. I think the time has come, however, when the citizens of Boston, Republicans and Democrats alike, should put their shoulders to the wheel and try to assert themselves. I was talking today with one of the most eminent Democrats in my part of the town. I happened to have in my hand a copy of the newspaper that had been agitating this matter. It started conversation, and he was one of the most enthusiastic men I have met in desiring to have this sort of thing stopped. He has served his party most splendidly in the Senate of Massachusetts, in years to come. This is not a political matter, but it seems to me that the time has come for action. This is a time for grave action, a time when we should omit mere courtesy, even though it insults the intelligence of my friend from Ward 8, in the way he refers to, and pass the order immediately.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22.—Mr. President, if in order, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) one question. I will state that I intended to ask him the question before, but did not wish at that time to interrupt him when he was making those statements.

The PRESIDENT.—The gentleman will be perfectly in order in asking a question. The gentleman from Wd. 11 may answer him or not, as he sees fit.

Mr. HOURIN.—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 if it is not a fact that those six names that were not certified to by the Civil Service Commissioners, who were working in the Bridge Division, were put there temporarily, taking the place of men who were sick?

Mr. PIERCE.—I think that would be a very plausible excuse and might very well be given, but it would simply be for the sake of throwing dust. I don't think that was the case.

Mr. HOURIN.—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman this question—if it is not a fact that he was informed when he went to the bridges, and inquired, and found some new names, that the men were only taking the places of men who were sick and unable to work, that they were only there temporarily and not permanently, and therefore did not have to come from civil service?

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, my answer is "No."

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I don't see the necessity of suspending the rules on a matter of this nature. It is probably a grave matter, and one which should receive the consideration of every member of this body. I know I would be pleased to see a publication of the city payroll. I have had the liberty and privilege of going to the City Auditor and finding out who did and who did not work for the city, and I have had some experience in the recent campaign. I found that there were many night watchman employed by the city, and the greatest work they did was to go out by night and watch the work that Newton was doing (Laughter), and I found that work of that sort, in my opinion, should have been stopped. (Laughter.) If I had wanted to be serious, and to have stopped it, I could have; but, feeling perhaps that they had large families to provide for, and so forth, I let them go on, as I have always believed that the Almighty will regulate and justify matters to His best satisfaction. Probably He did. But, nevertheless, if the proper method is a committee we should not act discourteously by taking this from the Committee on Ordinances, that being the proper committee. I think it is composed of honorable, fair-minded men, men of ability. The Hon. Charles H. Slattery, of the Board of Aldermen, is Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances, which will give the matter its attention. I have reason to believe that he is one of the fairest men who ever sat in a legislative body, not only in this city, but in the Commonwealth. We have in this chamber Mr. McDermott, one of our senior members, and I believe that he will give this matter his best attention. I believe if you will trust these gentlemen that these matters will be properly reckoned with and attended to, and I believe the gentlemen who have made this matter a study will be satisfied, and that His Honor the Mayor will regulate matters to the satisfaction of the citizenship that he represents. I hope this will go to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, the recommendation to refer this to a committee—coming as it does, from gentlemen who have always opposed reference of any important matter involving a large loan to a committee, when the rules of the Council provide specifically that it shall not have final action on the very night it comes in—is rather amusing at this time, when we have an attempt to make an issue here which ought not and honestly cannot be an issue, a matter of which everybody knows the merits, pros and cons, now as well as they ever will. I am a member of the Committee on Ordinances, and that committee has not met to consider any important matter this year, except the ordinance allowing firemen one day off in five, I believe; while, as you all know, matters of great importance have been referred to the committee—such as the abolition of the lamp department and the abolition of the statistics department. The first, I believe, was referred the first of the year. Any man who asks for the reference of this simple matter to the committee is doing it absolutely and unqualifiedly as a subterfuge, as an attempt to defeat this measure. I have no charges to make against His Honor the Mayor or anyone else connected with this or any other administration; but I will refer you to the fact that His Honor the Mayor, who has the means in his power, has been requested early in this legislative year to cause the publication of these names, and that he has refrained from

having it done. I tell you, gentlemen, that every man who votes to refer this to a committee, who votes against this being done immediately, has got something to shield, and is going to try to do it in this cowardly way.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—I think 'he members of this council are entitled to more fair treatment, that they are not cowards or curs.

Mr. FERBER—I don't know how the gentleman is going to vote, and I don't see why he should put on the cap.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will simply state that he is entitled to rule upon points of order, not members on the floor; that the language used by the gentleman is a bit extreme; and would state, as there seems to be a little misapprehension as to the wording of the order, that under the order the publication is not to be made until next September.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the United States government, which has many more employees than the City of Boston, manages to get every one of those employees in a published book annually. It does seem that, under the present circumstances, the City of Boston ought to do it, so that there might be no doubt about the state of affairs.

Mr. STALKER of Wd. 1—Mr. President and fellow-members of the Council, I am sincerely in favor of the order introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 1. I believe it is due the taxpayers of the City of Boston that they should know to whom their money goes in some respects, and who is employed by the City of Boston. Therefore, I believe we should have a list of the employees of the city printed, that the voters, the citizens of Boston, may know who they are, their rating, where they reside, etc. I sincerely hope that this order will pass tonight. I have had dealings with His Honor the Mayor this year. Our relations have been very pleasant. I entertain a very high opinion of His Honor the Mayor, and I do not believe for a moment that he would countenance anything which would in the slightest degree denote graft. But there have been things transacted in the City of Boston that have not been in accordance with fair dealing, and I believe tonight that this order should pass, that the citizens and taxpayers of Boston may know something about what is going on in the city and in the Street Department.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, in reply to the previous speaker and the one who preceded him, I will simply say that I believe the payroll is open to any citizen of Boston who wants to go to the auditor's office. It is a public record and any citizen of Boston, whether he be a taxpayer or not, can go to the auditor's office between nine o'clock in the morning and five in the afternoon and examine the payroll for himself. I did not understand before that this order was not to go into effect until next September. Now I see still more reason why the Committee should be given an opportunity to consider the matter and to report. I think the Committee should be treated fairly. Every committee of this council has been abused and ill-treated this year. I think it is about time that this body took itself more seriously and treated its committees more seriously. If the Council will not respect its committees it cannot respect itself, and it cannot expect citizens to respect it. The emergency is not so great at the present time as to demand the publication of the ordinance calls for without the matter being looked into by the Committee. In the first place, it looks to action

which will not be taken for a year. There is no reason why you should not give the Committee an opportunity to examine into the matter. No doubt when they do so, if they see the necessity for some such action, they will report to that effect before the end of the year. I hope the rules will not be suspended, but that the order will be referred to the Committee.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, each year for the last three years this order has been buried in just the manner the gentleman from Wd. 8 refers to now. So we know what to expect if it goes to the Committee on Ordinances. True patriotism consists in unselfish devotion to the welfare of the community in which one lives and, I think, Mr. President, that this is a very opportune time to show our true patriotism and our true devotion to the City of Boston.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I think the merits of this order are self-evident. It must be quite clear to everybody that it is absolutely necessary that we suspend the rules at this time and send the matter on its passage without delay. I merely rise to say at this time that I am surprised, very much surprised, to think that any man will stand on the floor of this Council and set his own personal consideration, his own personal feeling, against what is a matter of public importance, raising, as it were, a mere trifling parliamentary obstruction for the purpose of offsetting that which needs immediate investigation. If things are as they are represented—and nobody denies that—this is a matter that brooks of no delay. The sooner we begin to investigate, the better; and any man who by his vote here tonight opposes this investigation by opposing suspension of the rule, I think, has something to shield, as has been suggested. I sincerely hope that this Council will show, if not by unanimous vote, by almost unanimous vote, that it is unqualifiedly in favor of honest dealings in the City Government, and unqualifiedly opposed to all corruption.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I don't think the gentleman from Wd. 1 (Mr. Harrington) has a right to stand on this floor and say that any man who votes against this measure is not voting for the interests of the taxpayers of the city of Boston or of our constituents. We have a committee here, appointed the first of the year, to look after all amendments of the ordinances. Proposed amendments are referred to that committee, and, as this is not to take effect until next September, I see no necessity for haste. It is simply attempted to rush it through at this time because it may become useful before election, and it is one of the regular bluffs we get just about a couple of weeks before election from our friends from Wd. 11. As far as the merits of the order are concerned I think it is a good order, but I also think there is some consideration to be given the Committee on Ordinances. I hope the members here this evening will stand up and assert their right to vote as they please, not at the dictation of a few Republicans who come in and tell us a few nights before election that we will have to vote to pass this over the committee's head. I think the committee has a right to hear both sides of the question. It is quite a long ordinance. Nobody but Mr. Pierce, who drew it up—or the man who handed it to him—knows just what it means. I therefore move the previous question.

The main question was not ordered, and the question came on suspending the rule.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, I merely desire, in speaking on suspension of

the rule, to reply to my very good friend from Wd. 8, who has suggested that this is a political bluff, by stating that if it is a political bluff the best way to call it is for the members of the majority to vote for a suspension of the rule and the passage of this ordinance.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, had there not been as much reference to the Committee on Ordinances I would have had nothing to say upon this ordinance tonight. But when gentlemen get up and say this ought to be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and that the Council should assert its rights by so referring it, I say that is putting the matter in an unfair light. We have sent measures to the Committee on Ordinances and other committees, and they are there yet, and they will be there when this Council adjourns at its final meeting. I cannot see why any member of this Council objects to suspension of the rule on this question. Certainly, no man who is doing an honest day's work for the city of Boston will object to his name appearing publicly on the payrolls. I know I was once an employee of the city of Boston, and I would have had no objection to my name being published, because I worked fourteen hours a day for the city of Boston, and fourteen honest hours at that. There is another reason, a humorous reason it might be called, why the rule should be suspended. If these dead men are getting up once a week to draw their pay, the frost has entered into the ground and it is too hard work for them. (Laughter.) Let the dead rest. (Laughter.) There is another reason, a more serious reason, and every member of the Council knows it. There are important departments today where the men are so thick that they are in one another's way, and every member of the Council knows it. One in forty-five of the total population of the city of Boston is on its payrolls. That is the condition of the payrolls of the city of Boston today—whether dead men or alive, I don't know, because I don't go to the payrolls to find out. But I, for one, want this payroll published from top to bottom, whether a man draws \$7000 a year or \$2 a day. That list should be published somewhere, so that a man seeking information will not have to go behind the rail of an office in City Hall and ask the head of a department to see the papers. It should be in a conspicuous place, where every taxpayer in the city of Boston can find it. I will say that there are objections to this ordinance, and one of them is this, that in the case of a man who is drawing a small day's pay from the city of Boston a political trickster can go to that payroll and say, "Dennis Murphy or Jim Price is there, and he was a trimmer in the last election, and he has got to get out." That is the only objection. Although I shall vote for this ordinance, I wish that was eliminated.

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24—Mr. President and gentlemen of the Council. I see no reason why there should be such a lengthy argument upon suspension of the rule. This is a time in all lines of business when a man's affairs are looked into and made public by information bureaus, when he is asked for his pay roll and for the amount of business he does during the year. That being so, why should not every citizen of Boston know, through you and I, who are sent here to look after their interests and to pass loans and orders in the interests of the city, what the city pay roll is, who the men employed are, and so forth? They can come to City Hall and see, but I claim

that every citizen has not the time to do that. We all know that in City Hall there is a good deal of red tape under either a Republican or a Democratic administration. We are not casting reflections on any administration, but the way business is done today and the way it was done 20 years ago are very different things. Today everything pertaining to a man's business is made public. I know I receive circulars in my business as to the amount of help I employ, the amount of my business transactions in a year, and so on. If I do not give the information to them, they probably have a way of finding it otherwise. The City of Boston is nothing but a business corporation, and we are representatives of the city, sent here to guard its interests. The only way we can do so is by seeing that each and every person paid by the City of Boston is listed on a pay roll, which is published, by means of which the citizens will have an opportunity to see where their money is being expended. I claim that it is due to each and every constituent of yours and mine, either Republican or Democrat, irrespective of party, that those names should be published, and I claim that tonight this bill should not need the amount of argument that has been advanced to demonstrate the fact that it should be passed immediately. If we are fair-minded and square men, looking after the interests of our constituents, we will not hesitate to vote to suspend the rule, on an important question such as we have before us tonight. Let us not refer it to any committee which may see fit to hang it up, so that it will be the last we will see of it. I hope the rule will be suspended, and that the measure will be voted upon tonight.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, the only argument that has been advanced against this measure—and that is not really against the measure, but merely upon the question of courtesy to a committee—has come from the gentlemen from Ward 8 and Ward 13. They have admitted the merits of the order. I would like to call the attention of the gentlemen of the Council to the position of those gentlemen on May 5, 1904, as showing their position in regard to the courtesy due the Committee on Ordinances when the matter of abolishing the Statistics Department was before this body. The motion was then made to suspend the rule so that the matter would not have to be referred to the Committee on Ordinances. That matter was certainly as important as this one. Yet in looking over the roll you will find, as voting to suspend the rule, the names of all three gentlemen who now profess so much fear that courtesy will not be shown the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I want to say that it is true that, early this year, I voted in favor of suspending the rules, and that I also voted in favor of the passage of the order to abolish the Statistics Department. I did that because I saw the necessity of saving the city of Boston something like \$10,000 by abolishing that department right then and there. Let me say that I have not charged at the present time that this particular ordinance is not a good ordinance. It is not the proper time to go into the merits of an ordinance when the question before the body is on suspending the rules. I do not propose to go into the merits of the order. I only wish to say that at the present time we have reports published by the Auditing Department and by the various departments, whereby anybody can find out the amount of money spent each week, each month and each year. From those reports, the citizens of Boston can find out how

much money is being spent, by what departments it is being spent, and how it is being expended. I also believe that there are reports giving the number of men employed in the different departments. The only question that arises is, "Who are the men that are working for the city of Boston?" I do not raise the question of the political significance of this order—not even now, after the gentleman from Wd. 21 (Mr. Cook) has got up here on the floor and raised the question as to whether this was not a political issue. I would like, however, to ask the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) how he got hold of a copy of a private communication from the Superintendent of Streets to the Civil Service Commissioners? I know, from my experience in doing business for clients with departments of the City of Boston, that private communications of those departments are not exhibited to the public at large. If this were an honest order, if this were not a political order, would that have been brought in here? And would a member of the Democratic party be able to go to the Civil Service Commissioners and get a copy of a communication sent to this commission from any department of the City of Boston? Mr. President, this is two weeks before the election. The Republican party succeeded this year in getting through the Legislature a bill whereby they would be able to have minority representation in the Board of Aldermen. They are looking around now for campaign material. The Republican party has fallen to pieces in the City of Boston, as the last election showed, and they are looking around now for campaign material, and, as a last resort, they have come in here in search of it. I did not say, Mr. President, that the order was a bad one, or that it was a good one; but some evidence ought to be offered to show whether the payrolls of the city should be published or not. It seems to me that matter should be referred to the committee, so that they can go into the matter and hear the pros and cons of it, and they can then report back whether or not it should be passed. That committee is composed of fair-minded gentlemen, men who have some ideas, and if, after they have investigated it, they see fit to report the matter back, then will be the time for the Council to go into the matter. One of the members of the Council has said that orders have been referred to committees, and that they have been lying there in the files of the committees ever since. That gentleman should blame no one but himself for that, because it is within his power to call upon that committee to report. If within a reasonable time that committee has not reported, he has the power to recall that matter from the committee and have the Council itself act upon it. I think, Mr. President, that, in all fairness, we should follow the practice of every legislative body, that when a matter is introduced, it should go to its proper committee, if committees of the body are in existence. The committees of this body are, as a rule, dead committees. There are only four or five or half a dozen committees that have any powers at all. I think it is about time that we went to work and gave our committees a chance to look into the matters which come within their province, and to report upon them. If they do not report within a reasonable time, then you have an opportunity of coming in here and saying that you have given the committee a fair chance, that it has not done its duty, and that the Council has the right to discuss the matter in open meeting. But not until then have you a right to slur any committee or the right to interfere with its functions.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I think it is only fair to the members of the Council that each one of them should have an opportunity to stand up here and personally say whether or not he is going to vote in favor of, or against, suspending the rules, because I believe it is unjust to impute to any man improper motives for voting one way or the other. To my mind, it seems to be entirely a matter of principle, and all this talk as to its having been done or not done in the past should not be considered. It seems to me it is only a question whether or not committees of this Council are created for a purpose. If they are, then I say that until they have had an opportunity to look into the merits of a certain question, no motives should be imputed to them which are improper; and, as one who is going to vote against a suspension of the rules on the ground of principle, and as one who has no fear or desire to cover up anything—because, fortunately or unfortunately, I have nobody on the payrolls of the city of Boston whom I desire to shield, and I believe that if there are any names on the payrolls improperly they should be removed—I wish to say that that question does not seem to me to enter into this at all. Being one of the members of the Council who is about to return to private life, I can also state that there is no politics in my attitude in reference to this matter. With me it is a matter of principle, and not of politics; and it is wrong, decidedly wrong, for any man to impute to me, or to any other member of this body, any improper motives for casting his vote as his conscience dictates.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, the question of reference to a committee or of suspending the rules, seems to me to turn entirely upon two things: In the first place, as to what necessity there may be for immediate action; in the second place, as to what may be gained by a reference to the committee. I agree with the last speaker in taking issue with those who have seen fit to question the motives of those who may see fit to vote against suspending the rules on the meagre evidence which the advocates of suspension have presented tonight. They admit, even in the very ordinance which they present, that there is no crying need for immediate action, because the ordinance calls for the publication of this list next September. It seems to me that if the matter were of that tremendous importance which those members attribute to it, they would consider that there was reason for immediate action. The fact is that those names are open to the gentleman advocating this order, in the Auditor's office, and that the gentleman from Wd. 11 and the other gentlemen who are so intensely interested in this matter, could, with a little bit of time, bring forth a whole lot of evidence—if such evidence is to be obtained—with a very little expenditure of time and labor. If they cannot do it, actively interested in it as they are, how much can they expect from the general public, who have a lesser degree of interest in the matter? On the question of what is to be gained by a reference to the committee, I have heard nothing said here tonight, Mr. President, as to the form of this ordinance, as to the matter which it covers, as to the information which it provides shall be published, or as to the one hundred and one other things which would properly come up in considering this question. If such an ordinance is to be passed and placed among the ordinances of the city, it seems to me such an ordinance should receive some at-

tention from more than one gentleman. The gentleman who introduced this order has, I doubt not, given some thought to it; but I do not believe he is so conceited that he will refuse to admit for a minute that some alterations or amendments or changes might be made in his ordinance which would be for the bettering of it. As a member of the Committee on Ordinances, I approve of all that has been said here about committees of this body. I believe that those committees should be given their proper work, unless some good reason is assigned for doing otherwise. In this case, I have certainly heard no good reason given for not referring this matter to the committee, and I certainly have heard no good reason given for the assertions that have been made in reference to the motives of those gentlemen who propose to vote against suspending the rules.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24—Mr. President, it is with some diffidence that I arise to say anything on this question. I realize full well that perhaps too much has already been said upon it; but, seeing that a cloud has been thrown upon the City Council, and that some talk has been made about a reflection on the Committee on Ordinances, inasmuch as I am one member of the Committee on Ordinances, I wish to say that I shall deem it no reflection upon me if the Council takes up this matter here this evening, considers it, and thrashes the whole question out. I think it is the sense of the majority of the members here that this thing should get a fair thrashing out now and here. I think that your stand on the previous question was a good one, and that you want to see the whole thing through. This is not a party matter. Democrats have got up in this chamber tonight and admitted that it is not a party matter. I do not know of any good reason why the matter should not be considered here and now. Let us have the thing out. There isn't any question in my mind—and I do not think there is any question in the mind of any gentleman present in this chamber—but what there is at the present time a great deal of graft going on in the City of Boston. I do not mean that as any reflection upon the Democratic party, because I realize full well that this same graft which is going on now under the Democratic party, went on under the Republican party, too. If I had had any idea that this question was coming up this evening, I feel sure that I would have come here ready to present substantial evidence that men are drawing salaries from the City of Boston today who are doing no work. If this matter is now referred to the Committee on Ordinances, you will gain nothing by such reference. You have not a particle to gain by sending it there. Now, Mr. President, I do not want to charge anybody with any subterfuge; I do not want to say that any man, in standing up here on his feet and advocating that this matter should be referred to the Committee on Ordinances, is doing anything crooked. I think the majority of members of this Council want to do the right thing, and want to act fairly. There is nothing to hide, as it is not—

A Voice—Why don't you admit that all the members want to do their duty?

Mr. HIGGINS—Yes, I take it that all the members here present want to do their duty.

The PRESIDENT—Mr. Higgins of Wd. 24 has the floor. The Council will preserve order.

Mr. HIGGINS—I do not think, Mr. President, that there is anybody here who wishes to hide anything from the

citizens of Boston. I think we are sent here to do our duty, to do our sworn duty; and I think that every member here present will try to do his duty as he sees it. One member of the Council, while speaking here tonight, passed some reflections upon the Republican party. I, as a member of the Republican party, mean to say that we have, perhaps, a few crooks in that party. We also realize that there are a great many in the Democratic party, too; but I do not mean to say anything about that. Some of the gentlemen have stated that the Republican party has gone to the Legislature and asked that certain laws be passed to govern this great city. I wish to say to you gentlemen that, unless you treat this matter fairly, there is just as much likelihood that the citizens of Boston, the citizens who sent you here to represent them, will go to the Massachusetts Legislature and ask that this matter be thrashed out there. I think we ought to take the whole matter into our own hands this evening, if there is any question about this matter being pigeon-holed in the Committee of Ordinances. I do not myself think there is; but, on the other hand, I think we ought to have it out here. Seeing that there is a cloud cast upon the present administration, and upon past administrations, I think it is the duty of every man here to see that this matter is thrashed out here and now, and that the City Council disposes of it, and not the Massachusetts Legislature.

Mr. COOK—Mr. President, simply in answer to the statement of the gentleman that there is no great hurry about this, I desire to say that, if the rules are suspended, I shall offer an amendment to the ordinance to substitute for the words "within the month of September," the words "within the month of January, 1905, and within each September thereafter." I do that because I believe there is necessity for haste.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, considering those facts which have been stated, I believe the most proper thing to do with this ordinance is to refer it to the Committee on Ordinances. In view of the fact that there is plenty of time, it seems strange to me that the gentlemen in favor of this order should try to rush it through without reference to the committee. I do not agree with the gentleman from Wd. 8, Mr. President. I do not think that the Republicans are back of this. I think that the "Goo-Goos" are back of it (Laughter); and I really believe that the "Goo-Goos" would be glad to leave this whole matter to the Alderman who led the ticket last year, and whom they say is to be trusted above all others persons at City Hall. I want to assure the Democrats that they have no reason to be afraid at all because of any Republican attempts to get material for electioneering, because there is not a doubt in my mind that we will get thirteen Democratic aldermen next year. I am sorry for the gentleman from Wd. 23, and I want to suggest to him that if he ever goes to work for the City of Boston again, that he join some labor union, and then he won't have to work twenty-four hours a day. I hope that the Committee on Ordinances will be allowed to handle this matter.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The motion was carried.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair takes it that the previous question is on suspending the rules.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost—yeas 26, nays 31.

Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bradley, Collins (12), Colman, Conway (23), Cook, Crowley (7), Ferber, Graumann, Han-

ley, Harrington, Higgins, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, MacLoud, McKie, McKnight, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—26.

Nays—Barrett, Brazzell, Cadogan, Conboy (3), Conway (3), Coughlin, Craig, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Good, Grady, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McGonagle, McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Newton, Rachkowsky, Simms, Sullivan (9)—31.

Absent or not Voting—Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Crowley (2), Dalton, Dolan, Ewell, Fay, McDonald (4), McKinney, Murray, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Sullivan (15)—18.

The PRESIDENT—The order will be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I move that the Council do now adjourn.

The motion was lost.

SKATING AT CHARLESBANK.

Mr. MAYNARD of Wd. 8 offered an order—That the park commissioners prepare for flooding and skating the Charlesbank Gymnasium, Wd. 8, and the expense of same to be taken from the appropriation for parks.

Referred to the mayor.

SEWERS—WARD 12

Mr. MacLoud offered the following: Resolved, That the attention of His Honor the Mayor be called to the defective condition of the sewers in West Brookline street, between Warren Ave. and Tremont St., because of which the cellars and yards are frequently overflowed with sewage and surplus water and because of which the city is subject to suits for damages; and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to remedy said defective condition forthwith.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENT OF SHERMAN SQ.

Mr. CADOGAN of Wd. 4 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to repair the sidewalk and set up edgestones in Sherman Sq., Wd. 4, Charlestown.

Referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Mr. CADOGAN offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to prepare the Charlestown Playground for skating purposes, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Park Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

UNION WAGES AND LABOR ON SUBWAY.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21 offered the following:—

Resolved, That the Common Council expresses to the Rapid Transit Commission the deep regret of the members of this Council that said commission has not so interpreted its duties under the law as to provide for the union scale of wages and eight-hour day for all

work upon the new Washington-St. subway, as requested by the Boston Central Labor Union.

Passed.

BASKETBALL IN GYMNASIUMS.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the bath trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to reinstate the game of basket-ball in the various gymnasias under their control, the same being very beneficial to the girls and boys participating therein, and the source of much pleasure to the spectators.

Referred to the mayor.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That a special committee of five members be appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the Common Council.

Passed.

UNIFORMS FOR BUILDING INSPECTORS

Mr. MACKENZIE of Wd. 19 called up No. 22, pas assignment, viz.:

22. An ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding to the first section thereof the following words: "The said building inspectors must appear in full exposed uniform during office hours, and at all other times while on official duty."

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie.

SKATING, WOOD ISLAND PARK

Mr. McKIE of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners prepare for flooding and skating at Wood Island Park, Wd. 1, the expense of same to be charged to the Park Department.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, WASHINGTON STREET

Mr. COLLINS of Wd. 12 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate an electric light at the southwest corner of Washington St. and Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 12.

Referred to the Mayor.

DAY OFF FOR DRIVERS.

Mr. COLLINS offered an order—That the Hospital Trustees, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to allow the ambulance drivers at the City Hospital one day off in seven, without loss of pay.

Referred to the Mayor.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR WD. 21.

Mr. WARNER of Wd. 21 offered the following:—

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place a gas lamp in front of No. 43 Harold St., Wd. 21.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light in front of stairs of church No. 18½ St. James St., Wd. 21.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to asphalt the roadway of Walnut Ave., in front of the Walnut Ave. Church, between Dale street and Humboldt Ave., Wd. 21.

Referred to the mayor.

SKATING, ASHMONT PLAYGROUND

Mr. PATTERSON of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners, through His Honor, the Mayor, prepare for the flooding and skating, also lighting, the Ashmont playground, Wd. 24, Dorchester; the expense of the same to be taken from the appropriation for Parks.

Referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, NORTH END PARK

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 offered an order—That the Board of Bath Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor, to cause the playground at North End Park to be placed in suitable condition for skating purposes.

Referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners prepare for flooding and skating Franklin Field and Gibson Playground, Wd. 24, the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for Parks.

Referred to the Mayor.

RESURFACING OF NOTRE DAME ST.

Mr. HANLEY of Wd. 22 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Notre Dame St., Wd. 22.

Referred to the Mayor.

LAYING OUT OF BRAGDON ST.

Mr. HANLEY offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Bragdon St., Wd. 22, from Columbus Ave. to Washington St., as a public way.

Passed. Sent up.

SKATING, STRANDWAY PLAYGROUND.

Mr. BRADLEY of Wd. 15 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to flood the Strandway Playground, Wd. 15, for skating purposes, and provide two more lights, one at each end.

Referred to the Mayor.

LIGHTS, POSTOFFICE SQ.

Mr. BRADLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide two more electric lights in Postoffice Sq.

Referred to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Chair recognized Mr. Harrington of Wd. 1, who offered an order.

Mr. NEWTON of Wd. 13—Mr. President, I raise the point of order that there is not a quorum present.

By direction of the president, the clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:

Present—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Conboy, Cook, Coughlin, Crowley (7), Dolan, Ferber, Grady, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Kelley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McKie, Newton, Pierce, Price, Simms, Warner, Williams—24.

Absent—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Bell, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Colman, Conway (3), Conway (23), Craig, Crowley (2), Dalton, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Graumann,

Higgins, Jepson, Lacey, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Patterson, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15), Wood—51.

The PRESIDENT—The rollcall showing that but 24 members are present, the Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will declare the Council adjourned to meet next Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 10.27 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 5, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley and O'Toole.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Bromberg, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston Mass.

Dec. 5, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:

Subject to confirmation by your board, I hereby appoint George E. Clark (147 Harvard St., Wd. 20) and William I. Fogarty (2 Perkins Pl., Wd. 18) Weighers of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1905. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., December 5, 1904.

To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith the final report of the Commission on Height of Buildings in the city of Boston, and recommend that it be printed as a city document.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Boston, December 3, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins,

Mayor of the City of Boston:

Sir,—The Commission on Height of Buildings appointed by you on June 7, 1904, under the provisions of Chapter 333 of the Acts of the current year, has this day revised the order made by it on July 5, last, has caused the revision to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, and transmits herewith a copy of the order of July 5 and of the revision of December 3, 1904, as also a copy of the act under which the commission was appointed.

In submitting these papers the commissioners deem it their duty to acknowledge their appreciation of the great difficulties attending any satisfactory solution of the problem committed to them, and to express their belief that further legislation is needed to secure for this city a reasonable, comprehensive and uniform system of laws respecting the height of buildings.

These laws, as they existed prior to the passage of Stat. 1904, Chap. 333, are as follows:

I. General Laws Affecting the Whole State.

By Stat. 1891, Chap. 355, incorporated in Rev. Laws, Chap. 26, Sect. 37, no building over 125 feet high, except grain or coal elevators and sugar refineries, can be erected in any city. In this act, steeples, domes, towers, cupolas for strictly ornamental purposes, and of fireproof construction, are not included within the 125 feet limit. There is no provision for damages.

By Stat. 1896, Chap. 313, Stat. 1897, Chap. 379, and Rev. Laws, Chap. 28, Sect. 16, in any city or town which accepts the act the Park Commissioners may establish a building line not over 25 feet away from the exterior line of any parkway, boulevard or public way bordering on a park; and within that strip no building can exceed 70 feet in height except such steeples, towers, domes, cornices, parapets, balustrades, sculptured ornaments, chimneys and roofs as the Park Commissioners may approve. Damages are allowed. This act was accepted by the City of Boston on May 18, 1896, and was acted on by the Park Commissioners August 3, 1896, to the extent of imposing a 20-foot line along both sides of Commonwealth Ave., between Arlington St. and Beacon St. No suits have been brought for damages due to this order of the Park Commissioners, and the time for filing the same has expired. We are not informed whether other cities have availed themselves of the provisions of this law.

II. Laws Relating Specially to Boston, but of General Application

No building can be erected over 125 feet in height, or over $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the width of the street, except church spires. See Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 25, and Stat. 1894, Chap. 443, Sect. 9. No damages are provided. No projections are allowed except apparently under the provisions of Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 17, as amended by Stat. 1894, Chap. 443, Sect. 5, which define the height of a building as the highest point of the roof, thus apparently leaving out of the limitation such projections above the roof as would not ordinarily be regarded as part of the roof. This law is apparently more stringent than the state law, in that it contains no exception for the benefit of grain and coal elevators, and also apparently with respect to the nature of the projections. But see Sect. 18 of the Act of 1892, which is held by the City Law Department to exclude coal and grain elevators from the clauses of the act relating to height and first-class buildings.

By Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 24, and Stat. 1894, Chap. 443, Sect. 8, no building can be erected over 70 feet in height which is not a first-class structure as defined in the building laws, except apparently coal and grain elevators, as provided in Chap. 18 of the Act of 1892. There is no damage clause. No projections are mentioned.

By Stat. 1893, Chap. 508, no first-class building can be erected over 100 feet in height which is used above the first story for warehouses or stores or for the storage or sale of merchandise. No damages are allowed, and no projections are mentioned.

By Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 18, no wharves, sheds on wharves, market-sheds or temporary sheds can be erected, if of wood, exceeding 27 feet in height. No damages are provided, and no projections mentioned. Elevators for coal and grain are apparently excepted. (See above.) These restrictions are to operate within the building limits or districts established under Sect. 13. See Chap. 45, Sect. 27, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 for the execution by the city of this power.

There are many restrictions in the building laws of the city as to the construction of buildings, and these provisions operate indirectly as height limits; but they are so numerous that they are not further mentioned here. See *Murdock vs. Swasey*, 183 Mass. 573.

Outside the building limits established under Stat. 1892, Chap. 419, Sect. 22, the City Council may fix the height of wooden buildings; and has done so for dwelling houses at 45 feet, and for other buildings at 55 feet, in the Revised Ordinances of 1898, Chap. 45, Sects.

34 and 37. No damages are provided for these restrictions on wooden buildings.

The validity of the restrictions imposed by virtue of the laws above enumerated, or of similar laws enacted for other cities and towns, and the validity of the division of a city into districts for this purpose, has been repeatedly affirmed by the courts. See *Salem vs. Maynes*, 123 Mass. 372; *Greene vs. Darnell*, 175 Mass. 394; *Murdock vs. Swasey*, 183 Mass. 573.

III. Laws Relating to Special Localities in the City of Boston.

Stat. 1893, Chap. 452, imposes certain restrictions on the height of buildings in the vicinity of Copley square, namely, to 90 feet on land abutting on St. James avenue between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets, and on the land occupied by the Pierce Building, the Public Library, and the Old South Church; and to 100 feet on land abutting on Boylston street between Clarendon and Dartmouth streets. Such steeples, towers, domes, sculptural ornaments and chimneys as the Board of Park Commissioners may approve are excepted; and damages are allowed. There is apparently no back line for the restrictions on St. James Ave. The Parkway restriction Acts of 1896 and 1897 are not to apply. See *Attorney-General vs. Williams*, 174 Mass. 476.

On the square bounded by Joy St., Beacon St., Hancock Ave., Hancock St. and Myrtle St., 70 feet; on the area within 42 feet of Bowdoin St., between Allston and Beacon Sts., 100 feet, and on the area within 95 feet of Beacon St., between the Claflin building and Park St., 70 feet. Projections are allowed under the earlier act in respect of such chimneys and ornamental features as the commissioner of buildings for Boston may approve, and under the later acts in respect of such chimneys, pipes, water tanks, elevator houses and ornamental features which will not increase the entire capacity of the building as the governor and Council may approve. Many suits have been brought under these acts, and the court has held that the petitioners are entitled to damages notwithstanding the peculiar wording of the damage clause. See *Parker vs. Commonwealth*, 178 Mass. 199.

The foregoing statutes and the local regulations based on them indicate, in the first place, a general purpose to limit the height of buildings in this city under the police power of the state (i. e., without compensation to private owners) to 125 feet as a maximum, to 100 feet when used for mercantile purposes, to 70 feet when not constructed of incombustible materials, and in all cases to a height not exceeding two and a half times the width of the street; and to establish different building restrictions (including those restrictions that affect the height of buildings) for different districts or sections of the city. There is, however, much uncertainty, if not inconsistency, as to the exceptions permitted by these acts with respect to projections above the roof, and with respect to the height allowed for buildings used for grain elevators and coal hoists.

In the next place, the statutes quoted indicate that where special restrictions as to the height of buildings have been placed upon particular streets, limited areas, or individual estates, compensation has been provided for the owners of the land affected.

A special reason for this distinction is perhaps to be found in the fact, that while it is undoubtedly within the power of the Legislature to impose building restrictions upon the whole or any considerable part of a city intended to promote the health or safety of the public or to protect property against fire with-

out compensation to the owners of the real estate thereby affected, it must still be regarded as an unsettled question whether such restrictions can, under the state or federal constitutions, be imposed without compensation for purely aesthetic reasons.

The situation created by the general laws permitting the erection of building in this city within certain limits to the height of 125 feet was that by 1904 such buildings had become very common in the down-town or business sections of the city; in fact, so common that the owners of real estate in that part of the city are, when rebuilding, quite generally compelled in self-defense to carry their buildings up to the 125-foot limit to which adjoining or neighboring buildings have already been erected. So far as the rest of the city is concerned, both the parts still exclusively residential in character, and the parts (including such districts as the Back Bay) into which business is advancing, there have so far been but few high buildings erected; and these, at least all over 100 feet in height, have not, according to the best information that we have been able to secure, proved successful investments. The erection of half a dozen buildings of this character in the Back Bay indicates a disposition on the part of some land owners to repeat in the residential districts of the city those conditions which have for some time obtained down town.

These considerations would seem to have been among the inducements for the passage of the act of 1904 under which this Commission was appointed. The object of this act was to divide the city into two districts or classes of districts; to prohibit under the police power of the state (i. e., without compensation to owners) the erection of buildings over 80 feet in height in "those parts of the city in which all or the greater part of the buildings situate therein are * * * used for residential purposes or for other purposes not business or commercial"; and to permit the erection of buildings to in height of 125 feet only in "those parts of the city in which all or the greater part of the buildings situated therein * * * are used for business or commercial purposes." It was also provided that grain and coal elevators and sugar refineries should be exempt as to height if built on land within the high limit districts, and that none of the restrictions imposed by the act should apply to "steeples, domes, towers or cupolas, erected for strictly ornamental purposes, of fireproof material."

The principal reasons for adopting, in execution of the duties imposed on us by this act, the lines specified in our order of July 5, 1904, as revised December 3, 1904, are as follows:—

I. The Wharves.

These we felt must be included in District A, as otherwise grain elevators and coal hoists could not, under the terms of the act, be built. Such buildings, to serve their purpose, must exceed 80 feet in height, and one of the main uses of the water front of the city is in connection with such structures. As the Legislature clearly intended that the lands useful or necessary for grain and coal elevators should be in Districts A, we felt constrained to include practically the entire water front of the city in these districts.

II. The Down-Town District.

This we have included in District A, and have endeavored to confine its limits to that portion of the city, the occupation of which is on the whole business or commercial, rather than residential in character, as these words are used in the act.

III. The Suburban Parts of the City.

These have all been included in District B as clearly residential within the meaning of the act.

IV. The South End.

This section of the city, although containing some main thoroughfares some portions of which are now devoted to business purposes, seemed to us on the whole to be clearly a residential district within the meaning of the act, and has accordingly been included in District B.

We may add that no property owners in this section of the city or in the suburban parts of the city have objected to this conclusion.

V. The West End and Beacon Hill.

The great majority of the buildings in this section of the city are residential in character, although there are some stores along some of the principal streets; and on the whole this section seemed to be a residential district as defined in the act, and therefore necessarily included in District B.

VI. The Back Bay.

This section of the city west of the line adopted by us as its easterly boundary is distinctly residential in character according to the test prescribed by the act, although the buildings in some portions of some of the streets in it are now used for business purposes, and this use of property is rapidly extending along certain main thoroughfares such as Boylston St. and Massachusetts Ave. This fact has made the treatment of this section the most difficult part of our task, and most of the public hearings given by us were devoted to the protests of owners of real estate on these and neighboring streets against including their property in the 80-foot district. While, as stated more fully below, we appreciate the existence of a reasonable demand in the residential sections of the city on the main thoroughfares of travel, for buildings exceeding 80 feet in height to be used for offices, stores and other commercial purposes, we were not impressed with the necessity in any part of these sections for buildings as high as 125 feet; it was not competent for us under the act to permit the erection of buildings on these streets to some intermediate height, say 100 feet; and our duties under the act seemed to be restricted to a determination of whether this section of the city was on the whole residential or commercial according to the definitions in Sect. 1 of the act. We felt that there could be but one answer to this question. The Back Bay is clearly not a "part of the city in which all or the greater part of the buildings situated therein are * * * used for business or commercial purposes."

We were pressed to avoid this conclusion by creating separate districts out of particular streets and their contiguous territory; putting, for instance, in the District A a parallelogram consisting of Boylston street, and, say, 100 feet on either side, and doing the same thing for Massachusetts avenue, Huntington avenue, etc. This proposition was opposed by owners of property immediately next to the proposed districts, and seemed to us clearly beyond the scope of our duties as defined by the act. Apart from the doubtful constitutionality of such a division of the city unaccompanied by any provision for compensation, it seemed to us that the Legislature could not have intended that we should create districts out of single streets and thus permit the residential sections of the city to be covered like a gridiron by long lines of 125-foot buildings. The words "district" and "street" have been used by the

Legislature in thousands of acts, but we have been referred to none in which these words are used interchangeably.

As an alternative to this suggestion we were asked to create a special Boylston-street district so large that it could be fairly termed a district in distinction from a street; but the district thus suggested was found to embrace a large part of the Back Bay, and was distinctly a residential district as defined by the act.

VII. Small Districts Avoided.

We were asked to create numerous small districts A of those blocks on the Back Bay in which some or most of the buildings are now used for business purposes. In like manner it might be pointed out that there are in the down town section (which we have included in the Districts A) a number of small areas now exclusively occupied for residential purposes. The suggestion, therefore, of the creation of small districts in the Back Bay would logically involve the creation of many other small districts in other parts of the city, both residential and commercial, and would divide the city into a far greater number of districts than seemed to us desirable.

VIII. Boundary Lines.

There are in this city no natural boundaries for the districts to be created under this act, and whatever lines were adopted there were certain to be objections from the abutters on one side or the other. In determining the boundaries of the districts we have borne in mind the primary requirement of the act—that the district on one side should be on the whole a business or commercial district, while the district on the other side should be on the whole a residential district; and we have also endeavored to so draw the lines as to work as little discrimination as possible between individual estates.

So much for the main considerations which have led the Commission to the establishment of the boundaries for Districts A and B as set forth in the orders of July 5 and Dec. 3, 1904. While there was little opposition to these boundaries, except from owners of land in the Back Bay districts, the opposition from this district was so strong and so much of it was directed against the whole purpose of the act, that it was not always easy to distinguish between considerations affecting our action under the act, and considerations pointing to a condemnation of the act itself. The familiarity with the situation thus acquired may be of value to the city government and to the next Legislature, which will undoubtedly be asked to amend the Act of 1904, and we accordingly submit the following suggestions:

1. The provisions as to the height of grain elevators, coal hoists and sugar refineries should be made uniform and certain.

2. The provisions as to the height above the roof of such projections as chimneys, domes, cupolas, elevator shafts, etc., should also be made uniform and certain.

3. The effect of the Act of 1904 on the special restrictions imposed by the acts relating to Copley Sq., Beacon Hill and parkways should be made clear.

4. The erection of buildings to a height not exceeding 100 feet should be permitted on the broader thoroughfares in Districts B.

We believe that the limit imposed on buildings in these districts by the Act of 1904 is too low for universal application, and that buildings higher than 80 feet should be allowed on the wider streets in those sections of the city.

We are satisfied that there is a general and reasonable demand for buildings on those streets between 80 and 100 feet in height, and that the erection of such buildings should be permitted under such restrictions as will secure the main purpose of the law of 1904. That purpose was, as we understand it, to prevent the erection of very high buildings in those parts of the city which, unlike the down-town section, are not yet condemned by the number of high buildings already erected to the perpetual toleration of this evil. On the other hand, an 80-foot building seems to us too low for many of the uses to which land abutting on the main thoroughfares of travel in this city is reasonably adapted; while, if the extreme limit of buildings throughout Districts B is kept at 80 feet, and the limit of second-class buildings kept at 70 feet, there will be no sufficient inducement to the erection of first-class or fireproof buildings in any section of the city outside of Districts A. Moreover, a height limit not exceeding 100 feet, is confined to the broader streets and to buildings of sufficient area or base, would be free from the objections which may torcibly be urged against buildings of that height on narrower streets, and so narrow themselves as to be a special menace to life and property in case of fire. We think that the conditions of the problem, as well as the reasonable demands of all reasonable property owners, can be fully met by permitting the erection of buildings in District B to a height not exceeding 100 feet in any case, not exceeding in any case the width between the fronts of buildings, and bearing some reasonable ratio to the frontage of the building itself. These provisions would permit the erection of 100-foot buildings on Boylston St. and Huntington Ave., and of building between 90 and 100 feet on Massachusetts Ave., provided the base or frontage of the building was so wide as to bear some reasonable relation to the height of the building.

We are so much impressed with the undesirable conditions which have already resulted from the erection of high buildings in the down-town section of the city, and so thoroughly convinced that a general and uniform limitation of buildings to a reasonable height is neither an injury to real estate values nor a hindrance to the growth of the city, that if it were not for the considerations previously suggested, based on the great number of high buildings already erected in the downtown districts, we should recommend a maximum limit for the entire city of 100 feet.

If the foregoing suggestions should be incorporated in our building laws, we believe that the limitations on the height of buildings should be permanent, and not subject to change at the end of fifteen years as provided in Sect. 2 of the Act of 1904. If the limits adopted are satisfactory, we see no reason for holding out any definite expectation of a change. The Legislature has, and will continue to have without express reservation, the power to modify the law, but the existence of a statute expressly providing for modifications at stated periods can only have an unsettling effect on real estate values.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Matthews, Jr.,
Joseph A. Conry,
Henry Parkman,
Commissioners.

Order of Dec. 3, 1904.

The undersigned having been appointed on June 7, 1904, by the mayor of the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chap. 333 of the Acts of 1904, to be the members of the Commission on Height

of Buildings in the City of Boston, and having on July 5, 1904, made an order in accordance with the provisions of said chapter, which order is recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 2976, Page 45, hereby revise said order in the manner following:

1. By striking out, in the third clause of said order relating to Districts A, the words "a public or private way known as Carnegie St., thence westerly through the centre of said Carnegie St. to the location of the Old Colony railroad, thence southerly along said railroad," and by inserting in place thereof the words "Dexter St., thence westerly through the centre of said Dexter St. to Ellery St., thence southerly through the centre of said Ellery St."

2. By striking out in said clause 3 the words "Broadway, thence northwesterly through the centre of said Broadway to Washington St., thence northwesterly across said Washington St. and through the centre of Pleasant St. to Park Sq., thence northerly through the centre of said Park Sq. to Boylston St.," and by inserting in place thereof the words "East Dedham St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said East Dedham St. to Harrison Ave., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Harrison Ave. to Troy St., thence southeasterly through the centre of said Troy St. to Albany St., thence northerly through the centre of said Albany St. to Broadway, thence northwesterly through the centre of said Broadway to Washington St., thence northwesterly across said Washington St. and through the centre of Pleasant St. to Piedmont St., thence westerly through the centre of said Piedmont St. to Ferdinand St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Ferdinand St. to Columbus Ave., thence southwestly through the centre of Columbus Ave. to a point where a line passing along the boundary line between the estates now numbered 352 and 356 on Boylston St. and extended southeasterly would meet said point on Columbus Ave., thence from said point northwesterly along said line and between said estates above mentioned to a point in the centre of Boylston St. opposite or nearly opposite the westerly boundary of the lot on which the Arlington St. Church now stands."

3. By inserting in said Clause 3 the words "ten, eleven" between the words "nine" and "twelve."

4. And by striking out the words "ten, eleven," in Clause 3 of that part of said order which relates to Districts B, and by inserting the words "ten, eleven," after the word "nine" in said clause.

So that so much of said order of July 5, 1904, as describes the boundaries of the Districts A and B thereby established as shall read as follows:

A. The boundaries of the Districts A, hereby established, are as follows, to wit:

1. Beginning on the northerly side of that part of the said City known as East Boston at the Chelsea-St. Bridge, thence running southeasterly, southerly and southwestly through the centre of Chelsea St. to Eagle Sq., thence westerly through said Eagle Sq. and the centre of Eagle St. to Glendon St., thence northerly through the centre of said Glendon St. to Condor St., thence westerly through the centre of said Condor St. to Border St., thence southerly and southwestly through the centre of said Border St. to Sumner St., thence southeasterly through the centre of said Sumner St. to Orleans St., thence southwestly through the centre of said Orleans St. to Marginal St., thence southeasterly and easterly through the centre of said Marginal St. to Jeffries St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Jeffries St. to Maverick St., thence northwesterly

through the centre of said Maverick St. to the location of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, thence northerly and northeasterly along the said Railroad to the property of the said City known as Wood Island Park, thence southeasterly along the line dividing the said property of the said City from the property of the East Boston Company and the property of the Commonwealth to the harbor, thence southwesterly, westerly, northerly, northeasterly, and easterly along the said harbor and Chelsea Creek, around the said East Boston to the point of beginning at said Chelsea St. Bridge; meaning to include in the said District A all those portions of wards one and two of the said City, as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

2. Beginning on the southerly side of that part of the said city known as Charlestown at the Charlestown bridge, thence running northwesterly through the centre of said bridge and the approaches thereof to a point on said approaches immediately over the centre of the arch connecting Warren Ave. with Water St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Water St. to the property of the United States known as the United States Navy Yard, thence northwesterly along the southwesterly boundary line of said property of the United States to Chelsea St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Chelsea St. to Medford St., thence northwesterly and westerly through the centre of said Medford St. to the junction of said Medford St., Bunker Hill St. and Main St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Main St. to the property of the said city known as the Charlestown Playground, thence northeasterly along the southeasterly boundary of said playground to the Mystic river, thence easterly, southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly along said Mystic river and the harbor around said Charlestown to the point of beginning at said Charlestown bridge; meaning to include in the said District A all those portions of Wds. 3, 4 and 5 of the said city as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

3. Beginning on the easterly side of that part of the said city known as the City Proper at the Congress St. Bridge, thence running southeasterly across said bridge to that part of the said city known as South Boston, thence northeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, westerly, southerly and easterly around the northerly part of said South Boston and the Reserved Channel, so called, to the point on the southerly boundary of said Reserved Channel where Q St. extended northerly would meet the said channel, thence southerly through the centre of said Q St. to East First St., thence westerly through the centre of East First St. to I St., thence southerly through the centre of said I St. to East Second St., thence westerly through the centre of said East Second St. to the junction of said East Second St., Dorchester St. and West First St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said West First St. to Dorchester Ave., thence southerly through the centre of said Dorchester Ave. to Dexter St., thence westerly through the centre of said Dexter St. to Ellery St., thence southerly through the centre of said Ellery St. to Southampton St., thence westerly through the centre of said Southampton St. to Massachusetts Ave., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Massachusetts Ave. to Albany St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Albany St.

to East Dedham St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said East Dedham St. to Harrison Ave., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Harrison Ave. to Troy St., thence southeasterly through the centre of said Troy St. to Albany St., thence northerly through the centre of said Albany St. to Broadway, thence northwesterly through the centre of said Broadway to Washington St., thence northwesterly across said Washington St. and through the centre of Pleasant St. to Piedmont St., thence westerly through the centre of said Piedmont St. to Ferdinand St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Ferdinand St. to Columbus Ave., thence southwesterly, through the centre of Columbus Ave. to a point where a line passing along the boundary line between the estates now numbered 352 and 356 on Boylston St. and extended southeasterly would meet said point on Columbus Ave., thence from said point northwesterly along said line and between said estates above mentioned to a point in the centre of Boylston St. opposite or nearly opposite the westerly boundary of the lot on which the Arlington-St. Church now stands, thence easterly through the centre of said Boylston St. to Tremont St., thence northerly and northeasterly through the centre of said Tremont St. to Park St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Park St. to Beacon St., thence northeasterly through the centre of said Beacon St. to Bowdoin St., thence northerly through the centre of said Bowdoin St. to Cambridge St., thence westerly through the centre of said Cambridge St. to Staniford St., thence northerly through the centre of said Staniford St. to Green St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Green St. to Leverett St., thence northwesterly through the centre of said Leverett St. to the Charles River at Craigie Bridge, thence northeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, southerly and southwesterly by the said Charles River, and the said harbor around the said City Proper to the point of beginning at said Congress-St. Bridge; meaning to include in said District A the whole of Wd. 6 and all those portions of Wds. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17 of the said city as now established by law, which are situated within the boundary line hereinbefore described.

B. The boundaries of the Districts B hereby established are as follows, to wit:

1. All those portions of said Wards One and Two which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Chelsea street bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

2. All those portions of said Wards Three, Four and Five which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Charlestown Bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

3. The whole of Wards Sixteen, Eighteen, Nineteen, Twenty, Twenty-one, Twenty-two, Twenty-three, Twenty-four and Twenty-five, of said city, as now established by law, and all those portions of said Wards Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten, Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and Seventeen which are situated outside the line beginning and ending at said Congress street bridge hereinbefore established as the boundary of one of said Districts A.

Meaning to include in the said Districts B all those portions of the said city not included in the Districts hereinbefore established as Districts A.

Wherever in this order the words "harbor," "river," "creek" are found, the same are intended to mean the furthest line towards deep water on

said harbor, river or creek respectively on which the erection of wharves or other structures is permitted by the state and United States authorities.

In witness whereof, the undersigned hereto set their hands this third day of December, 1904.

Nathan Matthews, Jr.,
Joseph A. Conry,
Henry Parkman,
Commissioners.
Boston, Dec. 3, 1904.

Then personally appeared the above-named Nathan Matthews, Jr., Joseph A. Conry and Henry Parkman, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their fee act and deed.

Before me,
John E. Rousmaniere,
Justice of the Peace.

Ordered printed as a city document and sent down.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)
On petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:
Joseph Messiti, a sign, at corner of Chelsea and Vine Sts., Wd. 3;
Importers Branch, Ltd., an electric sign, at 19 Washington St., Wd. 6;
Public School Association, a political transparency, at 110 Tremont St., Wd. 7;
The Welsbach Co. of N. E., a 4-lt. gas arc lamp, at 68 Franklin St., Wd. 7;
The John Henry Co., an illuminated sign, at 389 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7;
Agnes Farro, a barber pole, at 317 Cambridge St., Wd. 8;
W. J. Anderson, an electric light sign, at 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12;
Public School Association, a political transparency, at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19;
George Page, an illuminated sign, on the Springfield-St. side of Hotel Langham, 1697 Washington St., Wd. 12;
Boston Elevated Ry. Co., signs, entrance to East Boston tunnel, at the Old State House on State St., Wd. 6;
Quincy Cafe Co., illuminated sign, 260 Washington St., Wd. 6;
A. S. Millikin, arc light, 1458 Columbus Ave.;
Frank Schneider, political transparency, 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19;
Santo T. Balsama, illuminated sign, 639 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7;
C. D. Cobb & Bros., illuminated sign, 140 Hanover St., Wd. 6;
Edwin Morse, electric sign, 461 Tremont St., Wd. 10;
Frank S. Sargent, illuminated sign, 160 Washington St., Wd. 6;
William Filene Sons Co., eight signs, 463 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Claims.

Lawrence P. Dempsey, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by alleged defective condition of Western Ave. bridge.
Patrick J. Holden, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Broadway bridge.
J. McAuliffe, for compensation for injuries to his horse caused by an alleged defect in Harrison Ave.
George Washington, to be paid for working overtime on towboat Cormorant of the Sewer Division.
Elizabeth Monohan, for compensation for damage to property at 21 North Grove St. by overflow of a sewer.
Mary E. Benton, for compensation for personal injuries by reason of alleged defect in Beacon St.

Electric Wires

Fire Commissioner, for leave to locate a lamp post for fire alarm box on Atlantic Ave., corner Commercial St., Wd. 6

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. and the Brookline Gas Light Co. that the first named company be allowed to attach wires to poles of the second company on Linden St., Wd. 25.

The same companies that the first named attach wires, etc., to four poles of the second named company in Oak Sq. Ave., Wd. 25.

Petitions of the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., viz.:

For leave to erect two poles on Bartlett St., Wd. 3;
For leave to erect three poles on Sullivan St., Wd. 5;
For leave to erect three poles on Maryland St., Wd. 20;
For leave to erect eight poles on Elmont St., Wd. 20;
For leave to erect two poles each on Kittredge and Whitford Sts., Wd. 23;
For leave to erect and to remove 66 poles on Hyde Park Ave., between Ashland and Walk Hill Sts., Wd. 23.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Wolf Liss, for leave to maintain a stand for boot-blackening and for the sale of small wares in front of the Old Court House on Court St.

Hyman Gerling, for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of toys and novelties in front of the Old Court House on Court St., during the Christmas holidays.

Licenses

Charles J. Rich, manager, for a permit for H. Howard and other children under 15 years of age, to appear at the Hollis St. Theatre for the week beginning December 5, and the week beginning December 19.

Eugene J. O'Connor, Jr., for a license for a vaudeville show at Roughan Hall, on the evening of December 16, 1904.

Union General Hospital, for a license for Sunday concerts at Mechanics Hall, Mechanics Building, Huntington Ave., on Sunday evenings, from December 11, 1904, to March 26, 1905, inclusive.

Public Improvements

F. H. Bailey, for leave to replace the tree guard and sign at the corner of Tremont and Dartmouth Sts.

George H. Lyman, Collector, for leave to place, from time to time, a platform across the sidewalk at 197-199 State St., for use in loading and unloading goods.
Julius M. Siegel, for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 342 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

Andrew W. Woodman, for leave to erect a guy post at 900 Albany St. and to stretch guy wires across Ambrose, Orchard Park and Chadwick Sts., Wd. 17.

Andrew W. Woodman, for leave to erect four guy posts on Hemenway St., between Norway and Batavia Sts., Wd. 10.

George W. Harvey Co., for leave to erect a guy post at or near 17 Beacon St., Wd. 6.

Richard P. Kelly, for leave to construct a bulkhead in sidewalk on Beach St. side of estate 513 Main St., Wd. 4.

John J. Johnston, for a sidewalk at 43-5 Hollander St., Wd. 21, and on Harold St.

William White, for leave to construct a coal chute at 4 Warrenton St., Wd. 7.

L. P. Soule & Son Co., for leave to remove two trees on Bowdoin St., Wd. 6, one at 102 and one at 104.

Howard Bros., for a sidewalk at 478-484 East Eighth St., Wd. 15.

Joseph McHenry, for a sidewalk at 108 Worcester St., Wd. 12.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles for electric wires, viz.:-

1. Five poles on Prospect St., between Tremont and Chelsea Sts., Wd. 3.
Jere P. O'Riorden, 60 Monument Ave.; John W. Campbell, 12 Prospect St.; T. O'Connor, for Margaret O'Connor, 32 Prospect St.; Edward R. Williams and Annie E. Williams, 1 Prospect St.; Dora Smith, 3A Prospect St., and Patrick H. Leonard, 28 Prospect St., severally appeared and objected to the granting of the petition.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Quigley, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

2. Four poles on Weld Hill St., near Wenham St., Wd. 23.

Catherine McDonald, 37 Weld Hill St., appeared and objected; and Ald. Kneeland presented a remonstrance of Gustaf Gustafson of 50-59 Weld Hill St. and seven other property owners on that street, against the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing, on motion of Ald. Kneeland.

3. On petition of the West End Street Railway Company for leave to project an awning over Washington St., at Oak Sq., Wd. 25.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.)

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL

4. Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Bragdon St., Wd. 22, from Columbus Ave. to Washington St., as a public way.

5. The following order was passed by the Board of Aldermen November 14:

"Ordered, that the City Clerk prepare and have printed an edition of (A) one thousand copies (B) of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, with all additions and amendments thereto, and to the Revised Regulations of 1898; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Reserve Fund."

Said order comes up concurred, with these amendments: At (A) strike out "one" and insert "ten"; and at (B) insert "and that nine thousand be in paper covers."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board proceeded to take up No. 6, unfinished business, viz.:-

6. Action on appointments of Thomas H. Hintze and William Pounder, to be weighers of coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Quigley and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 9; yes, 9, and the appointments were confirmed.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice was received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing Dec. 7 on petition of Boston & Maine railroad for license to rebuild its Pier 5 on Charles river.

Placed on file.

PLATFORM ON STATE ST.

Ald FROTHINGHAM presented the petition of Geo. H. Lyman, Collector of U. S. Customs, for leave to place, from time to time, a platform across the sidewalk at 197-199 State St., for use in loading and unloading goods.

In connection with the above petition, Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That, until otherwise ordered, leave be granted to the United States Customs Collector for the port of Boston to place a platform, temporarily, across the sidewalk in front of Nos. 197-199 State St., to be used occasionally in loading and unloading goods at said premises.

Passed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Whelton, at 3.39 P.M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the Chairman at 4.50 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of Joseph Gallagher (referred Nov. 28), for a license to store and sell petroleum and its products at 43 Everett St., East Boston—recommending that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on the ordinance (referred today) to print 1000 copies of the Revised Ordinances (amended by Common Council to "10,000 copies"), the expense to be charged to the reserve fund—recommending that the Board non-concur in the amendment of the Council and adhere to former action.

Report accepted; vote passed to non-concur, and adhere to former action. Sent down.

(3) Report on the petition of L. P. Soule & Son Co. (referred today), for leave to remove two trees on Bowdoin St., Dorchester—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to cause the removal of trees now standing in the sidewalk in front of estates No. 102-104 Bowdoin St., Wd. 6; the same being an obstruction to building improvements now in progress.

Report accepted; order passed.

(4) Reports (on petitions severally referred today) recommending the passage of orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the estates of the following-named petitioners; said sidewalks to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutters adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of the materials specified, the owners of the said estates to furnish the material therefor, viz.:-

Howard Bros., 478-484 East Eighth St., Wd. 15; brick.

Joseph McHenry, 108 Worcester St., Ward 12; brick.

John J. Johnston, 43-45 Hollander St., and on Harold St., Wd. 21; artificial stone, with granite edge-tones.

Report severally accepted; orders severally passed.

(5) Reports (on petitions severally referred today) recommending the passage of the following orders:-

(a) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Andrew W. Woodman to erect, maintain and use four guy posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Hemenway St., easterly side, between Norway and Batavia Sts., Wd. 10, for use during the erection of a building, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(b) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Andrew W. Woodman to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Albany St., at or near No. 900, and to stretch guy wires over Ambrose, Orchard Park and Chadwick Sts, Wd. 17, for use during the erection of a schoolhouse for the City of Boston, the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(c) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George W. Harvey Co. to erect, maintain and use one guy post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Beacon St., at or near No. 17, Wd. 6, for use during the erection of a building; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(d) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Richard P. Kelly to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening, 4 ft. by 4 ft., with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk on the Beach St. side of estate No. 513 Main St., Wd. 4, and at a location as shown on a plan dated November 26, 1904, on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

(e) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William White to place, maintain and use a coal hole opening, not exceeding 18 inches in diameter, and with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 4 Warrenton St., Wd. 7; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the City relating thereto.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted reports recommending leave to withdraw on the following petitions:

Dennis, Thompson, Pierce Co. (referred from last year), for compensation for injury to horse which was frightened by a steam roller on Washington St., Brighton.

Michael C. Lcen (referred Nov. 23), for compensation for damage to property 48 Warren St., Charlestown, by fire apparatus.

Reports accepted; petitioners given leave to withdraw.

LICENSES.

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that licenses be granted on the following petitions:

Eugene J. O'Connor, Jr. (referred today), for license for a vaudeville show at Roughan Hall on the evening of December 16, 1904.

Charles J. Rich, Mgr. (referred today), for a permit for H. Howard and other children under fifteen years of age to appear at the Hollis-St. Theatre for the week beginning Dec. 5 and the week beginning Dec. 19.

St. John Berchmans Society (referred Nov. 28), for a license for a Sunday concert at the Park Theatre on the evening of January 1, 1905.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports that no further action is necessary on the following petitions:

Benjamin Siskosky, director (referred Nov. 7), for a license for a series of Sunday concerts during the balance of the season at the Hub Theatre on Washington and Dover St.

South End Hebrew Free School (referred Oct. 31), for license for Sunday Evening Concerts at the Hub Theatre for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Reports accepted.

(3) Reports recommending that minors' licenses be granted to two newsboys.

Reports accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on the petition of John J. Busch (recommitted November 7) for license for an automobile barge route, with a stand in front of the Granary Burying Ground, through Tremont and Boylston Sts. and Commonwealth and Massachusetts Aves., recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—The Committee has given the petitioner leave to withdraw, inasmuch as a public hearing in the matter was called, the petitioner was notified to appear, and did not do so. The carriage drivers of Boston were represented by a large committee of the Carriage Drivers' Benevolent Association, and the licensed carriage drivers of Boston were also represented by counsel, Judge Dewey. The arguments against this matter were so strong that the Committee have reported leave to withdraw. Furthermore, there is a very serious question whether or not the Board of Aldermen have the power to grant a location for automobiles to stand outside the Granary Burying Ground, as requested by the petitioners. For these reasons, the Committee has given the petitioner leave to withdraw.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before the matter is disposed of I want to say this. While I favored that automobile route, I believed then it was not antagonistic to the Cab Drivers' Association of Boston. My position in the matter has been misrepresented to a certain extent. It was never my intention, when I spoke in behalf of the matter, to antagonize the people who afterwards made objection to it. Furthermore, I did not know the individual who made the application. I am given to understand that he has left the state and gone to Florida. I had no desire to antagonize the Cab Drivers' Union. I want to make myself clear in the matter, because my position has been misrepresented. I favor the acceptance of the report.

The report was accepted.

(5) Reports on petitions referred Aug. 1, recommending that licenses be granted, as follows:

Laurence McCarty, for musical, dramatic and variety entertainments at the Boston Theatre, Washington St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

John B. Schoeffel, for musical, dramatic and operatic entertainments and lectures at the Tremont Theatre, 176 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Ald. BRESNAHAN—Mr. Chairman, I just want to say a word in relation to the granting of these two licenses. The Committee on Licenses notified the managers of those theatres to appear before the committee on September 16, November 11, November 25, and finally on December 2 they sent two subordinate representatives before the committee. After several questions were asked of those men which were satisfactory to the committee, the committee agreed to grant the licenses. I want to say now that I hope in the future, while this Board of Aldermen have

anything to do with the granting of licenses, no certain theatre manager of this city will try to get any combination of theatrical managers to ignore the rules and orders of this Board. These men said they had consulted counsel in regard to our authority in this matter and thought we had no authority, but they now acknowledge that we have. The committee came to the conclusion that, as they have acknowledged our authority in the matter, we will vote to grant the licenses.

The reports were accepted and leave was granted on the usual condition.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports on petitions referred today recommending that leave be granted, as follows:

William Filene Sons Co., to erect eight signs at 445-463 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Frank S. Sargent, to project an illuminated sign at 160 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Edwin Morse, to project an electric sign at 461 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

C. D. Cobb & Bros., to project an illuminated sign at 140 Hanover St., corner Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

Santo T. Balsama, to project an illuminated sign at 639 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Frank Schneider, to project a political transparency at 1143 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

A. S. Milliken, to project an arc light at 1408 Columbus Ave.

Quincy Cafe Co., to project an illuminated sign at 269 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Boston Elevated Railway Co., to project signs at entrance to East Boston Tunnel at the Old State House, over State St., Wd. 6.

Public School Association, to project a political transparency at 1140 Columbus Ave., Wd. 19.

Agnes Farro, to project a barber pole at 317 Cambridge St., Wd. 8.

Also reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

L. P. Benet & Co. (referred Aug. 1), to project an illuminated sign at 162 Canal St., Wd. 8.

A. E. Covelle & Co. (referred Nov. 7), to project an illuminated sign at 128A Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Emerson Bros. (referred Nov. 28), to project an electric sign at 39 Boylston St., Wd. 7.

Joseph Messiti (referred today) to project a sign corner Chelsea and Vine Sts., Wd. 3.

Public School Association (referred today), to project a political transparency at 110 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Edward Brock (recommitted Nov. 28), to project one bay window and a cornice from building 39 Bow St., Wd. 5.

Reports accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

ELECTRIC WIRES

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1.) Reports recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings on Monday, Dec. 19, at 3 P.M., when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard on the following petitions:

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred today), to erect two poles, each on Kittredge and Whitford Sts., Wd. 23.

Same (referred today), to erect eight poles on Elmont St., Wd. 20.

Same (referred today), to erect three poles on Maryland St., Wd. 20.

Same (referred today), to erect two poles on Bartlett St., Wd. 3.

Same (referred today), to erect three poles in Sullivan St., Wd. 5.

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. and Brookline Gaslight Co. (referred Nov. 14), that the first-named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to four poles of the second-named company on Oak Square Ave., Wd. 25.

Same (referred today), that the first-named company be allowed to attach its wires to one pole of second-named company on Linden St., Wd. 25.

Fire commissioner (referred today), to locate a lamp-post for fire-alarm box on Atlantic Ave., corner Commercial St.

Reports accepted; orders of notice passed.

(2) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (recommitted Oct. 24), for leave to erect two poles on Roys St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows: Roys St., between Lamartine St. and Chestnut Ave., Wd. 22, two poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Sept. 28, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chap. 38, Sect. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within 90 days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(3) Report on petition of the said company (recommitted Nov. 14), for leave to erect two poles on Reading St.—Recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Reading St., between Southampton and Island Sts., Wd. 17, 2 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Oct. 29, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chap. 38, Sect. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed, under a suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING

Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, December 19, 1904, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned for a prior date be postponed accordingly.

Passed.

SKATING AT M-ST. PLAYGROUND

Ald. SLATTERY offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor,

to have the M-St. Playground flooded and put in condition for skating purposes during the present winter season.

Passed. Sent down.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Ald. SLATTERY for Ald. O'Toole offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of estate 21 Circuit St., the expense of same to be charged to the appropriation for the Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered the following:

(1) Ordered, That the superintendent of public grounds be requested to remove a tree standing in front of 69 School St., Charlestown, the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

(2.) Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to remove two trees standing on Wallace Court, Charlestown; the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Severally passed.

CROSSING ON PARK ST., WD. 20

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to provide a block stone or flagging crossing along Park St., at the westerly corners of Millet St., Wd. 20, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for street improvements.

Passed.

REPAIRING SIDEWALK, HYDE PARK AVE.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets repair and raise the sidewalk in front of 604 Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23.

Passed.

BAKER ST SEWER

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets construct the remaining section of the sewer on Baker St., between Quincy and Centre Sts., West Roxbury, Wd. 23.

Passed.

SIDEWALK, WORCESTER ST.

Chairman DOYLE offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the Newland St. side of estate No. 41 Worcester St., Wd. 12, in front of the estate of John O'Shea; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of brick, under the provisions of Chap. 437 of the Acts of 1893.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION

On motion of Ald. Bresnahan, the Board refused general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, on motion of Ald. Quigley, at 5.03 P. M., to meet on Monday, December 19, at 3 P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Meeting of the Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 8, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Council will be in order. The Chair desires to announce

the appointment of the Committee on the Annual Dinner: Messrs. McDermott of Ward 7, Barrett of Ward 18, McDonald of Ward 16, Wood of Ward 20, and Stalker of Ward 1.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Ward 25—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that there is not a quorum present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the members to rise and remain standing until counted.

The members did as requested, and it appeared that there were but 23 members present.

The PRESIDENT—Only 23 members appearing to be present, the Chair will rule the point of order well taken, and will declare the Council adjourned, to meet next Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Adjourned.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, December 15, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 7.45 o'clock P. M., President DOLAN in the chair.

WIRES ON TREES, BEACON ST.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., December 8, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Wires in reference to the resolution introduced at your last meeting requesting him to remove the electric wires running through the elm trees in the bridle path on Beacon St., between Audubon Circle and St. Mary's St.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Wire Department.

Office of the Commissioner of Wires,
11 Wareham St., Boston.

December 7, 1904.

Honorable Patrick A. Collins,
Mayor of the City of Boston,
City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

We have received the following Resolution of the Common Council, from your office:

"Resolved, That the Commissioner of Wires be requested to remove the electric wires running through the elm trees in the bridle path on Beacon St., between Audubon Circle and St. Mary's St., and place them underground, in order to save the trees.

"In Common Council Dec. 1, 1904, referred to His Honor the Mayor.

"Arthur W. Dolan, President."

Replying to the above would say that an inspection has been made, and it is found that the Brookline Gas Light Company has three (3) hard pine poles supporting seven (7) wires belonging to them, all on one arm. These wires run through the tops of several small trees, resting on their branches in some places, but for the most part clear of them.

As these poles are there by municipal authority and as this is a section of the city which it is not proposed to prescribe for an underground district at the present time, we can take no action in the matter now. Yours respectfully,

Patrick J. Kennedy,
Commissioner of Wires.

Placed on file.

FLOODING OF PLAYGROUNDS FOR SKATING.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith three communications from the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to flooding sundry playgrounds, for the purpose of providing facilities for skating. Yours respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
Boston, Dec. 13, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir,—We have received and considered the enclosed orders from the Common Council, requesting us to prepare the Charlestown Playground, Wood Island Park, the Strandway Playground, Franklin Field and Gibson Playground for skating purposes.

The work requested has already been done on all these playgrounds.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
Boston, Dec. 13, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir,—We have received and considered the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting us to prepare for flooding and skating the Charlesbank Gymnasiums.

We shall have to wait until the Sewer Department has completed the sewer extension across the gymnasium grounds before we can flood Charlesbank.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
Boston, Dec. 13, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir,—We have received and considered the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting us to prepare for flooding and skating, also lighting, the Ashmont Playground.

We regret to say that the low state of our funds will prevent our flooding the Ashmont Playground this year, and were we able to flood it, we could not possibly light it on account of the heavy charge of the Edison Company for equipment.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.,
Dec. 5, 1904.

Charles E. Stratton, Esq., Chairman:

Dear Sir,—Referring to the orders of the Common Council of Dec. 1, requesting that Charlesbank, Charlestown Playground and Wood Island Park be flooded and lighted for skating, and that Franklin Field be flooded, I would say that Charlesbank cannot be flooded until after the Sewer Department has completed the sewer extension across the gymnasium grounds. On account of the low state of our appropriation for maintenance, your superintendent would recommend that Ashmont Playground be not flooded this year. It would seem as though this would not cause any special inconvenience, as the playground has never been flooded, and Franklin Park is so near. The other playgrounds mentioned in the various orders will be flooded very soon; no lighting, however, can be furnished, on account of the excessive charges of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company for equipment and the low state of our appropriation.

Yours respectfully,

J. A. Pettigrew,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Mayor's message transmitting the final report of the Commission on Height of Buildings in the City of Boston, and recommending that the same be printed as a city document.

Placed on file.

2. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of the Dennis, Thompson, Pierce Company, referred July 27, 1903, for compensation for injury to horse which was frightened by a steam-roller on Washington St., Brighton—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

3. Report of same committee, on petition of Michael C. Leen, referred Nov. 28, 1904, for compensation for damage to property, 48 Warren St., Charlestown, by fire apparatus—leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the M-street Playground flooded and put in condition for skating purposes during the present winter season.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the city clerk prepare and have printed an edition of (A) one thousand copies (B) of the Revised Ordinances of 1898, with all additions and amendments thereto, and to the Revised Regulations of 1898; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for reserve fund.

The above order was amended by the Common Council, Dec. 1, by striking out at A, "one," and inserting "ten" in place thereof, and by inserting, at B, "and that nine thousand be in paper covers."

The order comes down with an endorsement thereon that the Board of Aldermen non-concurred and adhered to former action.

The question came on receding from former action and concurring with the Board of Aldermen.

The Council voted on a rising vote, yeas 21, nays 3, to recede from its former action, and the order was passed in concurrence.

USE OF COUNCIL CHAMBER.

President DOLAN offered an order—That the use of the Common Council Chamber be granted to the Board of Managers of the Franklin Fund on Friday, Dec. 16, 1904, and at such other times during the present year as said Board may require such use when the Common Council is not in session.

Passed.

SKATING, MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Public Grounds to flood the Mystic Playground, Wd. 3, for skating.

Referred to the Mayor.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 presented the petition of Sarah A. Forbes to be reimbursed amount of taxes paid by mistake on certain property on Elm Hill ave.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

INSPECTION OF THEATRES.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 offered an order—That the Police Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this body how often the officers

detailed to inspect the theatres, for the purpose of compelling the managements to comply with the statutes regulating theatrical performances, will be shifted if at all.

Referred to the Mayor.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, WD. 21.

Mr. COOK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to place an electric light on Rockville Park, in Wd. 21, at the junction of both branches of said Park.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. COOK offered an order—That the Superintendent of Lamps be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to cause Cliff St., in Wd. 21, to be lighted by electricity.

Referred to the Mayor.

CATCH-BASIN, LEYDEN STREET.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to locate a catch-basin in Leyden St., East Boston, and in front of the house numbered 72 on said street.

Referred to the Mayor.

SARATOGA ST. GRADE CROSSING.

Mr. HARRINGTON offered an order—That, in accordance with R. L., Chap. III, Sec. 149, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston and His Honor the Mayor thereof, be requested to file a petition in the Superior Court for Suffolk County, stating that the petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be so made in the crossing of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad tracks at Saratoga St., in that part of Boston called Orient Heights, as to avoid a crossing at grade, and thereupon to take such other proceedings in the premises as may be required by law.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Ward 1—Mr. President, I should like to say—not for the purpose of helping the passage of the order at this time, because I don't think there will be any opposition, but simply for the information of His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen when it is up for their consideration—that I have introduced this order at the request of a great many citizens of Orient Heights, who complain of the inconvenience that attends travel over this railroad crossing, particularly in the summer time. The crossing in itself is not so very dangerous, has been quite free from accidents, but the trains are so numerous that travel is delayed to a great extent. In the summer time the schedule, speaking very briefly, amounts to four trains every 10 minutes, and in the winter time four trains every 15 minutes. Of course, the gates have to be down while the trains are standing near the crossing, and carriages and teams passing back and forth, as well as foot travel, have to wait until the gates are raised. That is the cause of considerable delay. There are also a great many school children who live on the opposite side of the tracks from the schoolhouse, and of course the crossing of the tracks by these children is attended by danger. I hope the order will pass, because it will be quite a convenience to the people of that district, and also a step in the direction of public safety.

The order was passed.

LIGHTING WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

Mr. CRAIG of Wd. 9 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor request the Park Commissioners to furnish electric lights for the Wd. 9 Playground during the present winter season.

Referred to the Mayor.

LODGING-HOUSE LAW VIOLATION.

Mr. BRAZZELL of Wd. 13 offered an order—That the Board of Police, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to take immediate steps to prevent any further violation of the statutes relative to lodging houses by the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company, which is housing two hundred, more or less, men in its freight sheds on Atlantic Ave.

Referred to the Mayor.

Mr. BRAZZELL of Wd. 3—Mr. President, the purpose for which these buildings were constructed was for the housing of freight and for no other purpose; and when the corporation uses them for any other purpose it violates the terms of its permit. But now it is using these sheds for the housing of two hundred, more or less, men; and, as the law clearly provides the kind of buildings that can be used for this purpose, and as the corporation is violating the law, and as the duty of this government is to see that the law is preserved and not broken, I introduce this order.

The orders was declared referred to the Mayor.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6—Mr. President, this order requests the Mayor to ask the Police Department to enforce the law in relation to lodging houses, in this particular case. This corporation, the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company, is using its freight sheds at the present time for the housing of some 120 or 125 laborers brought from some section of this country to take the place of men who are now on strike, owing to some differences between them and their employers. The law is very strict in relation to this matter, and it is something upon which the Police Commission should take immediate action.

The order stood referred to the Mayor.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WD. 25.

Mr. RICHARDSON of Wd. 25 offered an order—That the Board of Library Trustees be requested to inform the City Council what action was taken on the petition for a branch library station at Oak St., Brighton.

Referred to the Mayor.

SKATING, COLUMBUS AVE. PLAYGROUND.

Mr. GOOD of Wd. 18 offered an order—That the Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the Columbus Ave. Playground, Wd. 18, flooded and put in condition for skating purposes during the present winter season.

Referred to the Mayor.

PUBLISHING OF PAY-ROLLS

Mr. FITZGERALD of Ward 3 offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause to be published, by executive order, in the month of February, a list of all city and county employees as of the first day of the fiscal year, with the date of their appointment, their residence when appointed,

their present residence, the nature of the work at which they are employed and their salaries.

On motion of Mr. Fitzgerald, the rules were suspended, in order that the order might go upon its passage.

Mr. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, in the discussion which took place a week ago tonight on the order introduced by the Republican member from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce), who sits in the second section, I opposed a suspension of the rules, and assigned two reasons for so doing: First, that the passage of an ordinance was too important a matter to be done hastily, unless, indeed, some great necessity existed for such haste; second, that no such necessity had been shown. The Council refused to suspend the rules, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances. When it came before that Committee, I as a member of that Committee, raised the objection to the ordinance that it was contrary to Section 12 of the City Charter Amendment Act of 1885. That question was referred to the Corporation Counsel. He has returned his opinion to the committee; but, as there was no quorum of the Committee at the meeting called today, there was no meeting to decide the matter. However, I can, I think, give you the substance of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel. It is that the ordinance, as it stood, was contrary to Section 12 of the Charter Amendment Act of 1885—just as I had maintained. He also suggested that as far as the Council could go would be to amend those sections of the City Ordinances which pertain to the duties of the Auditor and of the heads of the various departments, so as to impose upon the Auditor the duty of compiling this list and on the heads of the various departments the duty of reporting a list of the employees in his department. I feel that the wisdom of those who opposed the suspension of the rules at that time has been clearly shown by what has developed in reference to this ordinance in the Committee. I therefore trust, Mr. President, that the Republican member from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber), who sits in the same section, now wishes that he had not used the language that he used at that time. I trust that he is sincerely repentant for the grave charges which he made, when he said, as that gentleman did then, that any man who voted against suspending the rules was doing it for a subterfuge, and that any member who voted in favor of referring the matter to the Committee had something to shield, and was doing it in that cowardly way. It seems to me, Mr. President, that the use of such language as that is a very grave matter—something which only a very grave and great breach of duty on the part of the members of this body would warrant. We might reasonably expect that when a man makes such serious charges, he would be ready to support them with conclusive evidence—evidence which would admit of no room for doubt of the truth of the charges which he made. But what evidence did he present? Not one iota. The thought was the product of an over-suspicious mind, and the utterance of it was, I think, at least very indiscreet. But, Mr. President, while I am speaking upon this matter, what reason is there why any one should suppose or suspect—let alone to assume—that the Democratic members of this body are opposed to the publication of this list?

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. FERBER—I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. FERBER—That the gentleman is not speaking to the question. I do not mind any personal reference to myself—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule the point of order not well taken. Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3 has the floor.

Mr. FITZGERALD—As I was about to say, Mr. President, what reason is there why any one should suppose or suspect—let alone assume—that the Democratic members of this body are opposed to the publication of this list? Whenever any evidence has been presented in this body which showed any attempt to defraud the departments of the city, the Democratic members of this body have always been ready to do whatever the occasion demanded. If the publication of this list will be the means of exposing or preventing any fraud, we want the publication. We have nothing to fear from it. No administration was ever condemned for exposing and preventing fraud—and there has always been more or less of it in every administration—but an administration is frequently severely criticised for failure to use every reasonable means to detect the fraud and put a stop to it, wherever and whenever it is discovered. When the last list of city employees was published—in 1888, if I am not mistaken—it was done by order of a Democratic City Council, during a Democratic administration; and the order was offered by a Democratic member of this body—Mr. Fraser of Wd. 6. I now offer this order for the publication of this list, and in explanation of my doing so, while the proposed ordinance is still pending before the Committee on Ordinances. I have this to say—that I believe, as I said at the beginning, that the passage of a city ordinance is a serious matter; that a matter which is merely a matter of a temporary remedy should not be embodied in the city ordinances; and until we have some good reason for believing that the publication of this list annually is something which the interests of the citizens demand, it seems to me, Mr. President, that there is no occasion for encumbering the City Ordinances by this addition to it. And it would be a material addition, for, as I said in regard to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, he says the only way we can do this is to amend every section of the ordinances which pertain to the duties of the auditor and the other heads of departments. I say that that does not appear at the present time to be necessary. This list was published last in 1888—16 years ago. It seems to me that if an annual publication of the list were necessary, we should have heard something about it years ago. If the publication of that list had produced the results the advocates of the matter claim for it, we might expect to find the introduction of a similar order in 1889. The very fact that no such order appeared in 1889 shows either that it was felt that the publication of the list did not do what it was expected to do, or did not expose such a condition of affairs as was supposed to exist. Therefore, Mr. President, I hope this order will be passed by this body.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11—Mr. President, on the morning of the meeting two weeks ago I went to His Honor the Mayor to ask him for his assistance in passing this ordinance for the publication of the pay-rolls. I think that fact alone answers the charges made that this ordinance was put in for political purposes. I went to the mayor in perfect good faith, hoping that he would help me to put the ordinance through. I knew that in the case of the Statistics Department his influence, combined with the solid vote of the Republicans, was successful in saving the depart-

ment, and I felt that we would be secure, and that we could pass this ordinance if the mayor would only give us his support. For some strange reason he refused to do it. When I presented the copy of my ordinance to him he asked me why I had named September 1 as the date on which to have the list published. My answer was that at that time, just before the elections, the pay-rolls were greatest, and for that reason I wanted them published at that time. He said: "Oh, no, Mr. Pierce, that is not so. They are largest in July, in the warm weather." Some time after that, in the conversation, he said: "Mr. Pierce, I will publish them long before September 1, myself. I will publish them on February 1"—forgetting that he had said that the pay-rolls were largest on July 1. So, Mr. President, this order is not satisfactory. The citizens of Boston want these pay-rolls published at the time when the pay-rolls are largest, so that when men are found to be on the lists who should not be there, they may be discharged, and not have a list published on February 1, when many of the men who have been there for seven or eight months have been discharged. Mr. President, if the pay-rolls are published in the way suggested, by executive order, it becomes a thing of the moment only. What we want to do, is to have this thing a permanent affair. We want it arranged so that they will be published automatically, every year, regardless of the character of the mayor. The present mayor feels that he ought to publish them, and, I think, intends to publish them; but his successor may not take the same view and may decline to publish them. What this Council wants to do is to put this ordinance through, so that whoever the mayor's successor is, whatever his character, these pay-rolls will be made public every year. For that reason, I hope that this order will not be sent to the mayor. That is my chief reason. In addition to that, I would like to say that it seems a little irregular, to say the least, that a member of a committee which now has this matter before it, which is now considering the subject, should step outside the bounds of the committee, and, in advance of their report, offer an order of this kind. I say it seems a little irregular, to say the least. Then, the gentleman who offers the order criticised us for not being in favor of having the ordinance sent to the committee when it was offered, because, he said, it was drawn hastily, and the members knew nothing about it. Yet he comes in here now, very inconsistently, and wants to railroad this order through tonight. My ordinance was drawn up very carefully, Mr. President; but, if the gentleman will pardon me, I think his order has not received the care it might have, because, while mine covers seven or eight matters, his covers only three or four. The question of age, for one thing, is not named in his order, and that is a very important part of the ordinance, because it gives a basis for working out some system of insurance for the city employees, and I think it is important for that reason. Another thing, Mr. President, it does not mention the civil service rating, and so on. I think those omissions show that it was drawn very hastily, and I hope for that reason that it will be referred to the committee. I move you, Mr. President, that this order be referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. FERBER of Ward 10—Mr. President, if anything I or my colleagues have said has brought this matter to the attention of the gentleman from Ward 3 and the gentleman who has supported him—if anything has brought to

their attention the fact that the public at large demands this and that it is a good, healthy policy to do it, I am glad we said it. I noticed within a day or two after the statements that were made here on the night of the introduction of the ordinance, possibly after some of the gentlemen who voted for delay had consulted someone else in authority in their own party or among the people generally, they were all breaking their necks to come in on this, all anxious to have a meeting of the committee called immediately, a committee which had not met during three or four months before that. They were all anxious to come in and do this thing right and in a hurry; and many of the gentlemen who strenuously opposed the passage of the ordinance assured me within a week afterwards that they were all glad that it was introduced, that they all desired it. And now they come in here tonight—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that he thinks the gentleman from Ward 10 is exceeding the rules of parliamentary propriety. If the gentleman has anything to say with reference to referring this to the Committee on Ordinances, he may do so with perfect propriety. I must confess that I have at times, through leniency, allowed imputations to be cast by members on other members of the Council, for which there was no foundation except in opinion. But I feel that such imputations are improper. I will ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question whether this ordinance shall be referred, without questioning the motives of other men.

Mr. FERBER—I shall do so with pleasure, Mr. President. I merely thought, when the gentleman from Wd. 3 was speaking, that if I should raise the same point there would be no objection on the part of the Chair.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman from Wd. 3 objected to the language used by the gentleman from Wd. 10 at the last meeting, and that the Chair felt that he was entirely within his rights in objecting; but the gentleman from Wd. 10 is not now objecting to any language that was used before. He is claiming to read the minds of some of his fellow-members. Personally, I am in favor of the publication of these pay-rolls for any purpose that may enlighten the citizens of Boston. But I am opposed to the practice of imputing motives which are non-existent, except as a matter of opinion, when there is nothing to substantiate such imputations. I feel that anything of that kind is unfair. I will simply ask the gentleman to confine himself to the question.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I think I can make it perfectly clear by the line of argument which I have been following that it is very desirable to refer this to the committee, because ordinary wisdom would send it there, under the circumstances; that it is only because of the desire to obtain some credit for the passage of the order that this is rushed in here tonight in this hurried manner. The gentleman who proposes this order was present today at a meeting of the committee, and the committee, after receiving an opinion from the Corporation Counsel, voted to adjourn until next Wednesday, in the meantime intending to have a draft of an ordinance prepared which would comply with the law and meet the objections raised by the Corporation Counsel. The gentleman from Wd. 3 said nothing there about proposing this new scheme tonight. That was the proper place for him to bring up such an order or ordinance, if he was going to do anything of the kind, or if he wished to have a change made in the

ordinance as it was before the committee. But if an ordinance was reported by the committee, credit might not be given to the proper source; and so, in order that such credit may be given, the order is presented here tonight. I don't care how we get at this. I want the public to know who the employees are, and I want it to be done right. When the ordinance was originally presented, the members now in favor of passing this took a different position, and desired it referred. Well, if some gain is to be made by referring the matter to a committee and having it made right, I am perfectly willing that it shall be done that way. If I was wrong in anything I said, I will be glad to be corrected. But I think at the present time we should not substitute for the ordinance as originally presented and referred, an order that has less merit in it. The committee has started to consider the matter in good faith, are proposing to draw up and present an ordinance that shall be correct, and I trust that this order will be referred to the committee.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, some two weeks ago I opposed the passage of the ordinance introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) for the reason that I thought at that time we had sufficient time left this year to have the ordinance go before the committee and have it reported back here. On the next day I met the gentleman who offered the ordinance in front of City Hall and informed him of the objections I had against the ordinance; that it gave the Auditor a right he did not have under the ordinances or the City Charter, regardless of the mayor or the position he might take in the matter, after 10 days' notice to the head of a department to send in a list of his employees to stop the draft, so that the employees would not receive their pay. It is really a usurpation of the Mayor's power, as I contended, an abrogation of the powers of the Mayor. I asked him, if he was honest and fair in the matter, why he did not ask to have the list published at the beginning of the fiscal year. At the present time we have caucuses in September for an election in November, and caucuses again in November for an election in December, and of course that is a very opportune time for the minority party in any city or state to get campaign material. But if a man is honest in the matter and wants the citizens of Boston to know who is working for them and how much money they are receiving, it makes no difference whether the information is furnished in December or in February. We of the majority party in the City of Boston say to you gentlemen: "We are willing to give you the information; we want to have it ourselves; but we believe that the motive back of your ordinance is unfair, is a political one. It is for you to come to us and say, 'We are willing to receive information under any fair arrangement, any fair terms.'" We are now offering to you this order. If, as has been suggested, it is referred to the committee, or if we wait further action by the committee on the matter now before them, there will not be time for them to report back and have the matter acted upon this year. We will probably have but one more meeting, and there would not be time for it to receive the concurrence of the Board, and for it to become an ordinance this year. This is the latter part of December, we are nearing the close of the year, and unless we pass this order tonight, what is desired cannot be accomplished this year. I have been maligned by the papers. They have said that I was a member of the Committee on Ordinances and felt insulted because the ordinance was

attempted to be passed without reference to the committee. I personally am not a member of that committee. I merely want the matter treated fairly and honestly, and I will be only too glad to vote for an order calling for publication of the pay-rolls. As to the point made by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) to the effect that the age is not asked for in this new order and that one or two other minor particulars are not covered, I will say that I do not believe that we are here to furnish business for insurance companies. We are here to furnish information to the citizens of Boston as to how much pay the men receive, and what time they put in. That is all the citizens are interested in. They do not care whereabouts in the city a man lives, how tall he is, his complexion, the color of his hair, or what kind of clothing he dresses in. They simply want to know who the man is, what he does, and what pay he receives; that is all, and we are willing and glad to give that information to them. I think, from the position taken by the gentleman from Wd. 10 (Mr. Ferber), the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) and others tonight, that they are merely trying to defeat their own orders. If they want to do that, I have no objection. My only idea is to pass the present order and not refer it to the committee.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President and fellow-members of the Council, at the last meeting of the Council, when the matter of referring the ordinance introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce) was under consideration, I opposed reference to the Committee on Ordinances. I am a member of that committee, and at that time, with very magnanimous motives, as I thought, I refrained from advancing the arguments of courtesy which I might well have advanced, thereby urging upon the council, the propriety of referring the matter to the Committee on Ordinances, of which I am a member. But since that time I have seen the light, as it were, and have seen—as the Democratic members of the body did at that time—that it was the proper thing to refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances; and, in all consistency, Mr. President, I still approve of the course taken at that time. Thinking, that at that time it was perfectly proper to refer the matter to the Committee on Ordinances, I still think it is perfectly proper to refer this order to the Committee on Ordinances. If courtesy was a paramount issue then, it is a paramount issue now. If it would have been a smirch on the Council then to overlook the Committee on Ordinances, it will be a smirch on the Committee on Ordinances to overlook them now. And so, I hope, in all consistency that this Council will adhere to its former course and on this occasion refer this order to the Committee on Ordinances. The only argument that has been introduced against its reference to the committee is that the councilmanic year is about to close and unless immediate action is taken there will be no opportunity to pass the order. I will say that at the time when the previous ordinance was being considered the members of the Council did not think there was any pressing necessity for passing it. The argument was advanced that the order did not call for a publication until next September and during the interim between then and next September there surely was plenty of time for passing the order. I still think that argument holds good. We have still the same length of time and if this Council will not have the privilege of considering it, surely the next Council will. I, for one, am in favor of referring the matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will pardon the Chair just a moment, personally I am ready to vote for an order providing for a publication of the list referred to. I say this without any prejudice, simply hoping to see some agreement reached, if possible. It seems to me we are playing at ducks and drakes. The Committee on Ordinances, I believe, adjourned to next Wednesday morning. Thursday, I believe, is the last day the Council will meet, and I believe the Board of Aldermen meets for the last time on Monday next, although I am not confident of that. I presume, in the ordinary course of events, that that is when the Board will meet. It would seem, therefore, almost impossible to have an ordinance reported from the committee to this body, passed by the body and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen this year. So it would seem that the practical way would be to send this order to the Mayor at once, asking that the list be published next February. The gentleman who introduced the original ordinance (Mr. Pierce) is coming back to the Council next year, and he can then introduce an order or ordinance, and if it is a proper one I will undoubtedly be glad to vote for it. But it does seem to me that the practical thing to do at this time is to pass the order before us.

Mr. PIERCE—I will ask the President if he would vote for an order asking for a report in the month of September?

The PRESIDENT—I will not say that. Personally I do not believe in the story that there is any greater number of employees working for the city at one time than at another. I think the list of city employees is as large in the month of January as in June, in June as in September, and in September as in December. I do not read stories very often of men being discharged from any department of the city. If the list is published in February it will be a very easy matter at any time in the year, by taking that list and comparing it with the pay-roll, to ascertain how many emergency men, so-called, are on the lists. I cannot see how there will be a greater number of men on in July than in January, unless large drafts are made on civil service, the information in regard to which could be easily obtained; and it seems to me it would be useless to request the publication of a list of men who are perhaps employed five, ten or fifteen days in the winter shovelling snow. I don't think any ordinance would be intended to embrace those men. As I understand, the idea is simply to get the permanent pay-roll of the city, which permanent pay-roll, being published and compared with the pay-roll draft, would show at any time the difference between the pay-roll as published and the pay-roll as filed with the City Auditor in any month in the year. It seems to me that the more practical way at this time, inasmuch as the matter has gone along to such a late stage, would be to allow the Mayor to publish the list in February, and next year to introduce an order or ordinance for publication. I do not believe it will make much difference if that publication dates from the first, the middle or the last of the fiscal year; but it does seem to me any order, introduced by a Democrat or a Republican, should not be introduced as a party measure. I believe it is well to eliminate all suspicion of political purposes in connection with such an order. I believe on most matters it is well for members of the Council not to inject politics into our proceedings. Where there is political feeling, or where members think other members are actuated by such feeling, they can

usually signify it as well by their votes as by accusing the members of it—and in the latter case they may make an error. I simply make these suggestions with a view to bringing about some amicable arrangement. I do not see that there is anything to be gained by standing out for action by the Committee on Ordinances at this time, unless that committee can give us a report upon this matter and give it to us pretty quickly. This, moreover, is a matter that should be referred to the Mayor. It is a request that the Mayor do something. I don't see what place it has in the Committee on Ordinances, unless it refers to a matter that has been already referred there. This is an order which is distinct from the ordinance now in the hands of the Committee. Inasmuch as it relates to publication, if it were to be referred, I suppose the Committee on Printing would be really as appropriate a committee to refer it to as any. I will add, moreover, that if the gentleman had not moved to suspend the rules it would have been referred to the Mayor in the ordinary course.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I am very glad to say now that I agree with our President in the matter of the desirability of a non-partisan administration of the city. I am very glad to hear others state that sentiment. My chief idea was to prevent the Council appearing before the citizens in a foolish light. The President must know that that if order has no legal effect at all—

The PRESIDENT—No, none at all.

Mr. PIERCE—(Continuing) Whether we send this order to the Mayor or not, he can publish the pay-rolls. On the other hand, it is for us to be consistent in our action; and, to be consistent, we should not have one portion of the subject before the committee and another portion of the subject here in this chamber.

The PRESIDENT—If the gentleman will permit me to interrupt him—and I know it is something extraordinary, but I do it with the best of motives—the question would seem to be now: "What is practicable?" "Can your committee report in time to have concurrent action?"

Mr. PIERCE—On that question, Mr. President, it seems to me there is time. It seems to me that they can report to the next meeting of the Council, and that on the following Monday the Board of Aldermen could pass upon it.

The PRESIDENT—If I may be pardoned, I think—well, perhaps I am in error. I thought that the following Monday was Inauguration day. (Pausing.) I am in error, I think.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Ward 3—Mr. President, I might say that a week from Monday would be the 26th. Inasmuch as Christmas falls on Sunday, I presume that Monday will be a legal holiday, and the question would be whether the Board of Aldermen would hold a meeting on Tuesday or not.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I think we have a right to assume that they will; and also that they will hold several other meetings before the end of the year.

The PRESIDENT—Well, that being so, of course I will withdraw my statement as to its not being practicable. I was getting ahead of the calendar. I was assuming that the last meeting of the Board would be next Monday.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, in regard to the matter of insurance, which the gentleman from Wd. 8 alluded to, I think he misunderstands what I meant. I referred to old age insurance. It is a well-known fact that there are a great many men on the pay-rolls who are incapacitated, and who properly deserve the sympathy of the citizens of the city. They hurt the es-

prit du corps of the city employees. There is a tendency on the part of the able-bodied man to do no more work than the incapacitated man. It is a very serious problem for the administration of the City of Boston to consider. In my opinion, it would be much more profitable for the city to pension in some way, by means of a compulsory insurance law, all these incapacitated employees, in order that the personnel of the force may be brought to a higher point of efficiency. For that reason, I think that the statistics in regard to the age of the employees should be included in this order. That simply illustrates the fact that this thing has not been properly digested, and that it should be referred to the Committee for further consideration.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the Clerk informs him that the Board of Aldermen will have a meeting on the Saturday before Inauguration Day, as well as on every Monday which comes before then.

Mr. LACEY of Ward 10—Mr. President, I would like to offer an amendment to that order.

Mr. Lacey moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "year" the words "and also all during the preceding year."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. LACEY—Mr. President, I think I can explain in a very few words what the object of that amendment is. As I understand the original order, it is to give a list of the employees as they are on the first day of February. The amendment which I have offered would cover all employees who had been on the city pay-roll during the year preceding, so that the question of whether their names should be placed in this list would not be dependent on whether they happened to be on the pay-roll on that particular day or not.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I would say, in answer to the gentleman who has just taken his seat, that the objection to that amendment is that which has already been presented by the President, and that is that the amendment would necessitate the publication of the name of every man who had done a day's work, or even an hour's work, for the city during the preceding year. It would make the list more cumbersome, and I would expect that it would make it less useful. Speaking in regard to the main question, I would like to suggest, Mr. President, that the passage of this order, which is a mere request, does not interfere with the passage of the ordinance later, if the Council is of the opinion that an ordinance on this matter is necessary at this time.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, may I interrupt for a moment?

Mr. FITZGERALD—I yield, Mr. President.

Mr. PIERCE—May I ask the President if that would be his ruling, in case it came before him?

The PRESIDENT—Will the gentleman please repeat his question?

Mr. PIERCE—I should like to ask the President if he would rule that the passage of the ordinance would be in order, even though this order had been passed?

The PRESIDENT—Certainly. This has no effect on the ordinance whatever. If the ordinance is reported, and the question comes upon its passage, the passage of this order would have absolutely no effect. The question would be put upon the passage of the ordinance.

The question was put on the adoption of the amendment, and the Chair being in doubt as to the result, ordered a rising vote; and the amendment was declared rejected, 14 members having voted in the affirmative, 29 in the negative.

Mr. Lacey of Ward 10 doubted the vote, and asked for a verification by a rolleall. The Council voted to order the yeas and nays.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that the question is upon the motion to refer the matter to the Committee.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the motion to amend takes precedence over the motion to refer, according to the rules. The question is on the adoption of the amendment, and the clerk will call the roll.

The amendment was rejected, the vote on adopting it being yeas 18, nays 25:

Yeas—Bell, Cook, Dolan, Ferber, Harrington, Higgins, Jepson, Lacey, MacLoud, McKie, McKnight, Pierce, Priece, Richardson, Simms, Warner, Williams, Wood—18.

Nays—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Conboy, Conway (3), Craig, Crowley (7), Driscoll, Eagan, Ewell, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Grady, Hourin, Kelley, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKinney, McKirdy, Rachkowsky, Reagan—25.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Colman, Conway (23), Coughlin, Crowley (2), Dalton, Drummond, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McDonald (4), McGonagle, McMackin, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15)—32.

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I do not hesitate to say that the order as drawn, is absolutely worthless. Everything that is of effect has been taken out of the ordinance. It is a mere shadow of its former self. If we are to do this, let us do it right. There is no sense in putting a thing through like this, which will have no effect whatever. If you do do not put the names on the list of all the employees who have been employed during the preceding twelve months, what good is the list? Not the slightest. Mr. President, I am sorry to say so, but it looks to me like a compromise with the grafters, to print the list on February 1st, instead of September 1st. I am sorry to have to say it, but I think it is so. I think, Mr. President, this matter should be referred to the committee.

Mr. MAYNARD of Ward 8—Mr. President, I did not intend to say anything on this matter at all, but the gentleman from Ward 11 takes the attitude that unless he orders a thing himself he won't play. That being the state of affairs, it seems to me I have to say a few words upon the matter. And, in the first place, I want to say that I am not, as the Boston Journal said last Friday or Saturday morning, against the publication of the pay-rolls of the City of Boston. I distinctly stated last Thursday, when talking on the motion, that I did not see any necessity of ramming through an ordinance that night, when the ordinance was to go into effect on September 1st, but I said that I thought the order was a good one, and that I wanted before I went out of office—as I do on the first of January—to go on record as being in favor of publishing the pay-rolls of the City of Boston. I think that this order, which is no more than a request to the Mayor, should be sent along by this body; and, as February 1st is the time which is specified in the request, there will not be any more time than is necessary in which to do this before that time. It takes quite a while to get a list of the employees published. The gentlemen on the Republican side of this chamber seem to have taken a

change of heart tonight. A week ago they all stood on the other side of the fence; but, now that somebody else, not one of their own kind, has put this order in here, they say: "No, you gentlemen cannot have the credit of this. If there is any credit to be gained in connection with the matter, we want to be understood to be the pure government men." I think, Mr. President, that there are a few pure government men among the Democrats. I, for one, am going to vote to pass this order, am going to vote to ask the Mayor to publish this list on the first of February. I think it is a good order, and I hope it will pass.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, this matter has been discussed for some time, and there are one or two points that have been brought out, from which it is easy to see why this list is called for at the time stated. If I remember correctly, when the ordinance was introduced two or three years ago, it asked that this list should be published twice during the year, at six months intervals. That would give a chance to have the list published when the payroll is at its height, and also at low-water mark. Everybody knows that the pay-rolls on the first day of February are the lightest during the year. If the publication of the pay-rolls is a protection to anybody, it is to the citizens and taxpayers of Boston; and the publication of it is not to be used as a football either by the Republicans or the Democrats. The pay-rolls for the last five years have been constantly on the increase. That period includes two administrations. There is practically not any more work being done or any more streets being taken care of than there was under the administration of Josiah Quincy, who, everybody acknowledges, was a free spender and was in favor of all improvements and everything that was necessary. If the publication of the list is of any benefit to the citizens, it should include those men who are put on for three or five days. Those men are put on for the specific purpose of avoiding the necessity of going to the civil service lists. If the list of employees is to be published at all, it should give a full description of the man and the place where he works. The purpose of that would be that we could stop such actions as we have seen during the past few months in the different departments. Now, I do not wish to have the men who are members of the opposite party feel that I am trying to hit them on the head, because I feel that this thing has been going on just the same under other administrations than this one. But with a list published, it would be more difficult for heads of departments to have men on the pay-rolls who are not more than twenty-five years old, but who are drawing salaries for somebody that is ninety years old. In that way the City Treasury would be protected. Now, Mr. President, this is not a new idea. Such a list is published in other cities throughout the country. The New York city government publish such a list, and most of the states publish their lists. There is no reason why the citizens of Boston have not a right to demand to know where their money is going to, how it is spent, and who receives it. As it is now, when an investigation is started in any one of the divisions or departments of the city of Boston, and it is found that a few men are not properly on the list, it is very easy to transfer the rest of the men who are in similar circumstances to other divisions. I have known of that being done since I was a member of the city government. The publication of a list such

as is proposed would cover just such cases as that. If the order as introduced here tonight asks for the publication of a list of the employees on the first day of February, why not have another published after the next interval of six months from that time? Of course, I agree with the President in this, that this order is merely a request upon the Mayor, who can receive it and take some notice of it or not, as he sees fit. He is not obligated in any way to carry it out. But, as the time has got so late, I think it is probable that it will be impossible to have a report from the Committee on Ordinances brought in in time to have the ordinance passed this year. Undoubtedly the City Government will have to act on that matter, if they wish to have it taken up. I can see no objection to having this order passed tonight, thereby putting it up to the Mayor and asking him to publish this list on the first day of February. Then, if the next City Council is not satisfied with that, or if some members of the City Council are not satisfied with that this year, they can bring in an ordinance and try to pass it. I believe that such an order should be passed, and that we should know that where the money required to meet the pay-rolls is going. It is something that we ought to know, when the pay-rolls amount to somewhere between twelve and fifteen million dollars. Every taxpayer has a right to ask where that money is going. I do not believe that we should stand between them and the city treasury and say that they shall not have a chance to see where that money is going, to see who pays it out, and to see what is done with it.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, it seems to me that the excuses that have been made at the last meeting and at this meeting for the passage of this order are very poor and very lame. I am always ready to vote for any measure whereby the citizens and taxpayers of Boston may see where their money is going. But let us be honest about this matter. Let us acknowledge why this order is introduced. It is introduced for one reason, and one alone. If this proposed ordinance is passed and the payrolls are published on the first of September, it is perfectly easy to see what the idea of having them published at that time is. The idea is to have the payrolls published then, and if they show that two men, for instance, are doing the same kind of work, and one man is getting three dollars and a quarter a day and the other man two dollars a day, it would cause dissension; and this publication coming along towards the mayoralty election, it would give glee to the Republican party to use that fact as a campaign argument and cause dissension among the working class of the City of Boston. They do not really care about exposing anything when they—

Mr. MACLOUD of Wd. 12—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman is imputing motives to other members of the Council, and is not discussing the matter before the house.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that the point of order is well taken, and will request the gentleman to confine himself to the question.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, the gentlemen who introduced and favored the passage of that ordinance here are members of the party which is in the majority in the Legislature, and I fail to see where they expose or uncover anything there. But when they come into this body, where there is a Democratic majority, they try to show something up just previous to an election,

to show that they are pure and holy, for the sake of getting consideration from the Good Government people, that element being very powerful in the wards which they represent in this body. Anybody can find out about a man who gets three dollars or three dollars and a half or more a day; but they do not want to know that. It is the poor man who gets his living by hard work, by digging in the streets of the city during the hot summer days and through the cold winter months. They wish to brand him, to see how much he is getting, so that when some political pauper who aspires to office comes along, he can touch him for a few dollars towards his campaign expenses. I think that would be an outrage, and that it is an outrage which we should stop. The gentleman from Dorchester said that there was an increase in the pay-roll over that during the administration of Mayor Quincy. I am satisfied, Mr. President, that although he has been a member of this city government for quite a number of years, he is not very well acquainted with the number of men receiving pay under this administration and with the number who received pay under the administration of Mayor Quincy. If he were, he would know that there were more people on the pay-rolls then than there are now. Another thing—they say that every man who has worked three or five days for the city should be put upon the list, so that the Civil Service Commission shall have an opportunity to find out who those men are. Mr. President, they forget that when the Republican party was in control, and Mr. Wheeler was Superintendent of Streets, he cared nothing for the civil service, but cleaned the employees out. Yes, and I can say that I was one of the men. For I was number one on the civil service list, and I was hired and discharged within one hour. (Laughter.) He cared nothing for the civil service law. He went further, and made the remark to the commissioners that if they interfered he would go to the Legislature and have it abolish the Civil Service Commission. The result was that they put a check on themselves. Instead of interfering with him, they gave him non-competitive examination, and everything else. But that is one of the reasons given for the adoption of this humbug bill, as I call it. There is no legitimate reason for the publication of this list. If there is a single man drawing money from the city illegally, why do not they bring it to the attention of the district attorney, submit their proof to him, and get him to prosecute? That is the thing for them to do. On the other hand, they come in here with an ordinance which proposes that you give the age and the residence of every man drawing pay, and say that that is because a man of twenty-five may be drawing the pay of a man of ninety. Grant that that may be so, but—

Mr. COOK of Ward 21—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order, that the gentleman from Wd. 22 is debating the ordinance which was introduced at the last meeting and referred to the Committee on Ordinances, instead of discussing the order which is at present before the Council.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair is compelled to rule the point of order well taken.

Mr. HOURIN—I will remind the gentleman—

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the order now before the Council to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I do not believe in anything of this kind being sent to the Committee on Ordinances,

or to any other committee. I believe that we should act upon it, and kill it, here and now. The gentleman from Wd. 21 has not got very good hearing. The ordinance which was introduced in reference to the publishing of the pay-rolls of the city is before that committee at this time, and every member of this body knows that this cannot go through, were it sent to that committee. This is the place to kill it, first, last and all the time, and put a stop to this humbug of introducing such orders at the eleventh hour. (Laughter.)

Mr. MACLOUD of Wd. 12—Mr. President, the gentleman in the fourth division calls this order a humbug. I do not agree with him. This calls for the publication of the pay-rolls of the City of Boston. I say they should be published. There is no humbug about it. Nothing is a humbug that will enlighten the public as to what is going on. Mr. President, I do not agree with the gentleman in the fourth division (Mr. Hourin).

The PRESIDENT—The question is on reference of the order to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, to sit here this evening and hear the debate that has been going on about this simple order—which the majority of the members present seem to think is an ordinance, but which, as I understand it, is nothing but a request to the Mayor, one cannot help imagining that he has gone back two or three weeks, and that it is just before election, instead of after election. I was a little surprised to hear it brought out in this debate that there are men on the pay-rolls of the city of Boston doing identically the same work, and some of them receiving two dollars and twenty-five cents a day, while others receive two dollars a day. I received that information with surprise.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I wish to inform the gentleman that—

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the speaker is not in order—

Mr. HOURIN—I rise to a point of order.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Mr. HOURIN—That the gentleman is not speaking to the question. (Laughter.)

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman has not proceeded far enough to enable the Chair to decide that point of order. Mr. Price of Wd. 23 has the floor, the question being on the reference of the matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. PRICE—In one thing, Mr. President, I am certain that I agree with the gentleman from Wd. 22—that his order is a humbug pure and simple. I shall not vote for it. I shall vote against this order, when there is already before the Committee on Ordinances an ordinance which, if it is worth anything at all, ought to be passed. I decline to be made the cat's-paw of any one by voting to refer to His Honor the Mayor something which His Honor the Mayor can do himself, if he sees fit. It is within the power of His Honor, the Mayor of Boston, to publish a list of the employees of the City of Boston, if he sees fit to do it. I do not believe that His Honor the Mayor needs to be told by the City Council of Boston what he ought to do. If he ought to do it, I believe he knows it is his duty to do it; and if he ought not to do it, I do not believe he will do

it any quicker because the City Council of Boston votes to request him to do it. For that reason alone, I shall vote against this order. But if it were an ordinance, I would vote for the ordinance.

Mr. McKNIGHT of Wd. 21—Mr. President and gentlemen, I might say at the outset that I have found it very good business policy, when you cannot get all you want, to take what you can get. It seems to me that is the situation tonight. It is quite evident to me that we cannot get the ordinance we desire passed this year. It may not be evident to every member here, but it is very evident to me that it will not be passed this year. Now, if we cannot get that, why not have the pay-rolls published as the order which is introduced here tonight proposes to have them published? It does not seem to me that it is a question of what the Mayor of Boston wants to do, or what he can do. There are lots of things that the Mayor will do when he is requested to do them by the Council or the Board of Aldermen, but which may have escaped his notice before. Undoubtedly, this matter has not escaped his notice; but there is no doubt in my mind that the Mayor will give a great deal more thought and consideration to the matter if he is requested to do so by both bodies of the City Council, than he otherwise would. Therefore, if this order is passed tonight, and the Mayor is requested to publish this list on the first of February, there is no doubt in my mind that it will be done. That will give us a great deal of information that we have not got now, and haven't had since 1888—16 years ago. It seems to me that, when we cannot get the age of each man, the color of his hair, and all the other things that might help to identify a man, we had better take what we can get. I understand that the order introduced tonight provides for the publication of the residence of each employee. That ought to be quite sufficient to identify almost any man. If we have a man's name and his residence, it is not probable that we are going to have very much trouble in identifying him as an employee of the city, if he is working for the city. I would therefore say, Mr. President, that I think it is good business policy for the members of this Council tonight to vote to pass this order, and to vote against the reference of it to the Committee on Ordinances. There is nothing in the way to prevent us from taking up the ordinance the first of the year, when the new Council is in session. Meanwhile, we can see how much information we can get under this order. It may be that everybody will be satisfied, and that we will save the city the expense of any further trouble in the matter. I therefore hope you will all vote against referring this matter to the Committee on Ordinances, and that you will vote to pass it tonight.

Mr. McMACKIN of Wd. 6 moved the previous question, and the main question was declared ordered. Mr. Cook of Wd. 21 doubted the vote, and called for a rising vote, which was taken, and the main question was ordered, 16 members voting in the affirmative, 12 in the negative.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state, in order that there may be no misapprehension, that, while technically the question will come on the passage of the order, the Chair will put the question first on referring the matter to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. FERBER—Mr. President, I rise to ask for information from the Clerk and the Chair, if the Mayor has not had from the City Council a request for a

publication of the pay-rolls earlier this year—an order introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 11 (Mr. Pierce)?

The PRESIDENT—The Clerk says he is unable to tell without consulting his records.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, I will say that I did put in an order practically the same as this, so I raise the point of order that this is not in order for that reason, the other order having covered exactly the same ground—and a little more.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will rule that an order not couched in exactly the same language is in order at this time, that a very slight change in an order makes it possible to introduce it, although a similar order has already been defeated. You may introduce an order for an item of \$10,000 in a loan bill for a bathhouse in Ward 11, and if that order is defeated you may introduce an order in exactly the same language, except that the amount provided is \$9999.99. Therefore, unless it is made evident that this order is exactly identical with the previous order, the Chair will entertain the order.

Mr. BELL of Ward 20—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. The President having announced that sixteen members voted in the affirmative and twelve in the negative, there is not a quorum present.

The Chair ordered the clerk to call the roll with the following result:

Present—Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Craig, Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Eagan, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Grady, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, Kelley, Lacey, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDonald (16), McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Pierce, Price, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Simms, Warner, Wood—42.

Absent—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Colman, Conway (23), Coughlin, Crowley (2), Dalton, Drummond, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McDermott, McDonald (4), McGonagle, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15), Williams—33.

The PRESIDENT—Forty-two members being present, the point of order is not well taken. The question is on reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I would like to ask if it would be in order for me to speak on the question?

The PRESIDENT—Debate is not in order at this time.

On motion of Mr. Maynard of Wd. 8, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the order was declared referred to the Committee on Ordinances, yeas 23, nays 20:

Yeas—Bell, Bradley, Cadogan, Conboy, Cook, Ferber, Grady, Harrington, Higgins, Hourin, Jepson, MacLoud, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKie, McKinney, Pierce, Price, Richardson, Simms, Warner, Williams, Wood—23.

Nays—Brazzell, Collins (12), Conway (3), Craig, Crowley (7), Driscoll, Eagan, Ewell, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Kelley, Lacey, Mancovitz, Maynard, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Rachkowsky, Reagan—20.

Absent or not voting—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Colman, Conway (23), Coughlin, Crowley (2), Dalton, Dolan, Drummond, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Leavitt, Mackenzie, McDonald (4), McGonagle, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson,

Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15)—32.

Mr. HARRINGTON of Wd. 1—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege. The gentleman from Wd. 22 (Mr. Hourin) has asked a question that I have not had an opportunity of answering heretofore. He has asked why those who have referred to graft have not brought the matter to the attention of the District Attorney, if they are sincere. I will say for his enlightenment—

Mr. MANCOVITZ—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. I understand that before a man can rise to a question of personal privilege on this floor he has to receive the consent of the body.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair does not understand that to be the case. The Chair is entitled to rule whether or not a matter is a question of personal privilege. The gentleman will proceed.

Mr. HARRINGTON—Just a word, Mr. President. I will say for his enlightenment that I don't believe this ordinance, or any other ordinance, will be efficacious in accomplishing what is intended. At the present time I am gathering evidence which I propose to present to the District Attorney. When I have made out what I think is a prima facie case I shall present it for his consideration.

Mr. HOURIN—Mr. President, I wish to inform the gentleman that a week ago there were charges preferred that may lead to certain individuals that are connected with the City Government, and therefore it was a dangerous step to take; and for that reason I asked him or anybody else tonight why they did not present any evidence before the District Attorney. An empty cry of "graft" without any foundation or without any proof, simply to get it into the newspapers and make a partisan affair out of it is a wrong thing, and it ought to be stopped at once.

The PRESIDENT—The gentleman will suspend.

Later in the session Mr. Maynard of Wd. 8 said:

Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of our vote referring that order to the Committee on Ordinances, hoping the same will prevail. My reason for making that motion is that some members will have said that they voted "Yes" on the order thinking the question was on passage and not upon reference to the committee. I hope the reference will be reconsidered, so that the members will be given a chance to vote upon the matter intelligently.

The Council voted to reconsider reference to the committee, yeas 22, nays 15:

Yeas—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Collins (12), Conboy, Conway (3), Craig, Crowley (7), Driscoll, Eagan, Fitzgerald (3), Good, Grady, Kelley, Mancovitz, Maynard, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Rachkowsky, Reagan—22.

Nays—Bell, Cook, Ferber, Foley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Lacey, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKie, Pierce, Price, Richardson, Wood—15.

Absent or Not Voting—Abbott, Barrett, Barry, Callahan, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Colman, Conway (23), Coughlin, Crowley (2), Dalton, Dolan, Drummond, Ewell, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Hanley, Higgins, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, McDonald (4), McGonagle, Moynihan, Murray, Newton, Patterson, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15), Warner, Williams—28.

The question came on reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I move that the order be laid upon the table.

Mr. Cook's motion to lay on the table was declared lost. Mr. Pierce doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were ordered by a rising vote, 11 members voting in favor of ordering them.

Before the Clerk called the roll Mr. Crowley of Wd. 7 raised a point of order that a quorum was not present.

A rising vote was taken, and it appeared that 30 members were present.

The PRESIDENT—Thirty members being present, including the President, the Chair will rule the point of order well taken, that no quorum is present, and that the Council stands adjourned to meet next Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Adjourned at 10 P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Dec. 19, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P.M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent, Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. QUIGLEY, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

(1) Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Jan. 24, viz.:

Henry J. O'Brien, Wd. 15; Joseph D. McLaughlin, Wd. 22; Nicholas P. Garry, Wd. 19; George A. Wetmore, Wd. 14; John B. Colboys, Wd. 15; James A. Thomas, Wd. 2; Thomas S. Riley, Wd. 1; William F. Vegkle, Wd. 22; Charles J. Reardon, Wd. 1; Joseph L. Muldoon, Wd. 25; Patrick H. Raftery, Wd. 13; Thomas F. Green, Wd. 19; Thomas P. Butler, Wd. 19; William Keefe, Wd. 6; John McMorrow, Wd. 24; John H. Fitzpatrick, Wd. 3; James F. McTigue, Wd. 9; Thomas H. Roberts, Wd. 6; William H. Cary, Wd. 21; Henry Barry, Wd. 1; Eugene F. Cowhig, Wd. 7; Charles H. M. Williams, Wd. 21.

(2) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, first session, January sitting, viz.:

Kittredge C. Atwood, Wd. 16; Peter J. Grogan, Wd. 16; Robert W. Lord, Wd. 11; John Loughlin, Wd. 13; Harry H. Vaughn, Wd. 11; Edward H. J. Cook, Wd. 17; John P. Crowley, Wd. 14; William W. Farr, Wd. 8; William Rotch, Wd. 11; John A. Stuart, Wd. 1; George H. Murray, Wd. 16; Frank Fryer, Wd. 16; Frank Ferris, Wd. 23; Timothy D. Baker, Wd. 20; Cornelius Driscoll, Wd. 3; William A. Hankey, Wd. 2; Thomas Boy, Wd. 13; Edward J. Trainor, Wd. 13; Abraham Giddon, Wd. 8; Morgan J. Clougherty, Wd. 7; Dennis J. Devine, Wd. 20; Ernest W. Kindred, Wd. 14; John B. Sullivan, Wd. 14; Harry B. Weinstein, Wd. 8; Chester S. Day, Wd. 11; James F. Stevens, Wd. 8; Caspar J. Schaefer, Wd. 19; John M. Thompson, Wd. 18; Joseph Esselen, Wd. 19; Peter Gaughen, Wd. 15.

(3) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, second session, January sitting, viz.:

Thomas Morrissey, Wd. 3; John P. Sweeney, Wd. 18; Herbert H. Goodwin, Wd. 23; Julius Meyer, Wd. 9; John F. Halligan, Wd. 20; Ross F. Campbell, Wd. 17; Joseph Wright, Wd. 16; James M. Walsh, Wd. 11; Benjamin F. M. Stoddard, Wd. 24; John P. McPherson, Wd. 1; Alvah Kimball, Wd. 5; Thomas J. Tynan, Wd. 7; Robert J. Dooley, Wd. 15; Augustus F. Webster, Wd. 11; Timothy J. Delury, Wd. 24; John B. Humphrey, Wd. 11; Matthew Redman, Wd. 19; Adam Hallett, Wd. 17; Andrew Walsh, Wd. 16; Robert W. Browne, Wd. 21; Edward P. Pratt, Wd. 24; Charles G. Griffiths, Wd. 24; Edward Pierce, Wd. 11; John T. Trant, Wd. 16; Edgar Snow, Wd. 5; James A. King, Wd. 24; Charles F. West, Wd. 10; Joseph M. Walsh, Wd. 13; John P. Larkin, Wd. 1; Edwin G. Hamlin, Wd. 10.

(4) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Court, third session, January sitting, viz.:

Malachi F. McManus, Wd. 23; Maurice Reardon, Jr., Wd. 19; Henry Wallace, Wd. 3; H. Staples Potter, Wd. 11; Richard J. Schofield, Wd. 5; William S. O'Brien, Wd. 13; Everett C. Maynard, Wd. 17; John Howlett, Wd. 6; Frederick W. Hayden, Wd. 1; Henry F. Casey, Wd. 15; Berthol E. A. Demuth, Wd. 13; William McAleney, Wd. 13; Edward E. M. Cheney, Wd. 17; Martin J. Gaunnon, Wd. 2; Henry P. Hawkins, Wd. 10; Willis H. Freeman, Wd. 12; Franklin F. Raymond, Wd. 11; Oscar F. Engstrom, Wd. 11; James W. Keegan, Wd. 6; Otis B. Mosher, Wd. 22; James H. Hogg, Wd. 1; John T. Toomey, Wd. 14; James Moore, Wd. 19; John J. Bossen, Wd. 3; John P. Hickey, Wd. 3; John Curcio, Wd. 3; John P. Hassett, Wd. 25; John J. Lane, Wd. 2; Ernest A. Krause, Wd. 2; Daniel R. Bradley, Wd. 13.

(5) Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, fourth session, January sitting, viz.:

John R. McLaughlin, Wd. 24; Martin Milmore, Wd. 18; James A. Nihill, Wd. 15; Edward J. Clark, Wd. 16; Michael F. Nolan, Wd. 19; William Doan, Wd. 23; Albert A. Smith, Wd. 25; James T. O'Connor, Wd. 12; Edward R. Flynn, Wd. 22; Daniel Kelly, Wd. 8; Cornelius F. Sullivan, Wd. 15; Charles W. Hoyt, Wd. 12; John W. H. Stokinger, Wd. 22; William K. Browning, Wd. 23; Harry W. Blake, Wd. 24; George F. Monahan, Wd. 17; John Todd, Wd. 13; Louis Berenson, Wd. 21; Edward M. Mealey, Wd. 19; Lawrence J. Kavanagh, Wd. 19; John A. Ford, Wd. 17; Charles S. Scarnes, Wd. 25; Benjamin M. Black, Wd. 13; Robert H. Hill, Wd. 13; Aaron G. Wild, Wd. 24; Thomas J. Kelley, Wd. 19; Frank W. Mendum, Wd. 17; John A. Walsh, Wd. 17; Ernest C. Marshall, Wd. 10; Thomas H. Thompson, Wd. 3.

(6) Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Civil Court Fifth Session, January sitting, viz.:

James F. Hyson, Wd. 7; George Allen, Jr., Wd. 11; Charles J. Verkampen, Wd. 17; Morris Cohen, Wd. 19; Andrew Eagan, Wd. 25; John J. McDevitt, Wd. 6; Frederick L. McGowan, Wd. 20; Thomas Landry, Wd. 2; Thomas B. Covey, Wd. 5; William J. Laun, Wd. 15; Ransom B. Fuller, Wd. 11; Patrick J. Carey, Wd. 15; Michael O'Meara, Wd. 2; Edwin L. Potter, Wd. 16; James Owens, Wd. 4; Frank C. Harrington, Wd. 1; Francis J. Gormley, Wd. 20; Herbert C. Allen, Wd. 20; William L. Cotter, Wd. 14; Thomas Mackey, Wd. 7; Joseph P. Ryan, Wd. 18; Michael J. Stone, Wd. 19; John F. Dempsey, Wd. 15; William Dale, Wd. 16; Patrick E. Bramman, Wd. 2; Francis Burroughs, Wd. 23; William H. Clark, Wd. 3; John Lindon, Wd. 9; S. Marshall Reed, Wd. 19; Edward T. Barry, Wd. 7.

(7) Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January sitting, viz.:

Walter U. Lewisson, Wd. 11; John A. Groves, Wd. 25; Eugenio P. Brignati, Wd. 1; Harold S. Eagles, Wd. 7; John A. Emery, Jr., Wd. 4; John Reid, Wd. 13; William D. Gilpatrick, Wd. 20; James W. Adams, Wd. 15; George H. Mathieson, Wd. 15; John C. Manning, Wd. 10; August Nelson, Wd. 22; William J. Bergen, Wd. 14; John J. Gilmartin, Wd. 10; James F. Blackwell, Wd. 17; Charles J. McCarty, Wd. 17; Francis A. Norton, Wd. 21; Charles Sullivan, Wd. 20; Thomas H. Robinson, Wd. 7; Frederick Brooks, Wd. 11; Joseph Batilana, Wd. 23; William J. Greene, Wd. 13; John M. Lane, Wd. 23; John Collins, Wd. 4; George W. Viles, Wd. 6; John Quilty, Wd. 24; John Canning, Wd. 20; James W. Laughlin, Wd. 3; Warren F. Rand, Wd. 4; Henry N. Lesage, Wd. 4; Joseph Herlihey, Wd. 25.

(8) Thirty Traverse Jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January sitting, viz.:

Frank Maguire, Wd. 9; John T. But-

ler, Wd. 3; William B. Joslin, Wd. 23; Joseph B. Schlenkorf, Wd. 9; William H. Lord, Wd. 21; Everett P. Fuller, Wd. 17; William S. McKenney, Wd. 18; Edward A. Dow, Wd. 1; Columbia R. Beal, Wd. 24; Patrick Francis Gallahue, Wd. 13; Charles A. Mayberger, Wd. 19; Michael W. Fitzgerald, Wd. 3; Thomas R. Sullivan, Wd. 2; John T. Peake, Wd. 12; James F. Bliss, Wd. 12; Joseph F. Turner, Wd. 20; Henry S. Bean, Wd. 20; James McGee, Wd. 25; William H. Conroy, Wd. 16; Samuel Chester, Wd. 8; John McCormack, Wd. 1; Henry H. Dewey, Wd. 8; Henry B. Thayer, Wd. 21; John E. Strauss, Wd. 22; Jacob Lehner, Wd. 22; William E. Curtis, Wd. 5; James McCormiskey, Wd. 11; James T. Kenney, Wd. 21; Abe S. Aronson, Wd. 2; George H. Mulliken, Wd. 21.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS TRUSTEES

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:—
You are hereby notified that on March 11, 1904, Walter Hunnewell, Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln, W. Prentiss Parker, Arthur G. Everett, Miss Frances R. Morse and Henry Dobbins severally resigned from the office of Pauper Institutions Trustees, and that their resignations were accepted; and that, on the same day, Dr. William H. Grainger was removed from the office of Pauper Institutions Trustee, for the good of the service.

You are also notified that I have this day appointed the following persons Pauper Institutions Trustees, for the terms specified:

Miss Frances R. Morse (12 Marlboro St.), for the term ending April 30, 1909.
Bernard J. Rothwell (378 Commonwealth Ave.), for the term ending April 30, 1909.

William J. Sullivan (57 West Seventh St.), for the term ending April 30, 1908.

Miss Maude E. Rockwell (155 Ruthven St.), for the term ending April 30, 1907.

W. Prentiss Parker (218 Seaver St.), for the term ending April 30, 1906.

James B. Cherry, M. D. (197 Shawmut Ave.), for the term ending April 30, 1906.

Walter Hunnewell (261 Commonwealth Ave.), for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Placed on file.

FLOODING OF PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:—

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1904.
To the City Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to flood, for skating purposes, sundry playgrounds in Wds. 22, 23 and 25. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,
Boston, Dec. 17, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—The Board has received the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen, requesting us to prepare for flooding and skating Marcella-Street, Washington-Street, Roslindale and Billings Field Playgrounds.

The grade of Marcella-Street Playground will not permit of flooding for skating purposes, and the low state of our appropriation prevents our flooding

Washington-Street Playground. The other playgrounds named have been prepared and are being used by skaters.

Yours respectfully,
Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

City of Boston.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Charles E. Stratton, Esq., Chairman.

Dear Sir:—Referring to the order of the City Council of October 31, requesting that Marcella Street Playground, Washington Street Playground, Roslindale Playground and Billings Field be flooded for skating, referred by the Mayor to your Board for such action as may be considered reasonable, I would say that the grade of Marcella Street Playground will not permit of flooding for skating purposes, but that the Roslindale Playground and Billings Field have been flooded and are now being used by skaters.

With regard to Washington Street Playground, your Superintendent would recommend that, on account of the low state of our maintenance appropriation and the fact that draining operations are now being carried on in Washington Street Playground, that no attempt be made to flood the playground for skating purposes this season.

Yours respectfully,

J. A. Pettigrew, Superintendent.

Sent down.

LICENSE FOR DANCES.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Dec. 7, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:

I return herewith without my approval your vote granting a license to the Marion Associates for dancing entertainments at 3 Brooks St., East Boston, for the season ending August 1, 1905, for the reason that in the opinion of the Board of Police it is inadvisable, viewed from the standpoint of public morality, to grant the said license.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

ILLUMINATED SIGN—VETO

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Dec. 9, 1904.
To the Board of Aldermen:

I return without my approval your vote giving permission to Scott & Garson to project an "illuminated" sign at 20 Union Park St., Wd. 9, for the reason that it is apparent that, because of the material of which this sign is to be composed, it cannot be an "illuminated" sign; and your vote would therefore permit the sign to project farther than the statute allows.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

LIST OF CITY EMPLOYEES

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,
Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1904.
To the City Council:—

I herewith transmit a draft of a proposed ordinance providing for the publication of an annual list of the officials and employees of the City of Boston, so that the public may know the name, residence and designation of each person on the payroll, together with the date, as near as may be, of

such person's election, appointment or employment.

It was my intention to have this done by an executive order and at an earlier date, but upon reflection I think the power to incur the expense of publication by executive order may be doubted; and it was found impracticable to collect the data for the first year at a much earlier date than now suggested.

Generally, by the first of May the largest average number are employed, especially on outdoor work, on regular public employment, while in midwinter some public work must necessarily be suspended and some employees "laid off" temporarily. Moreover, the inclusion in such a list of men employed a day or two to assist in clearing the streets during or after a heavy snow storm would manifestly mislead, would have no special value, would cumber the record, and would not with entire clearness answer the question—Who are on the city's payroll, what is the nature of their employment, and what are they paid?

This question will be answered by the carrying out of the provisions of the proposed ordinance, for it will bare to public scrutiny the entire executive force of the city and its cost to the people. If, in addition to this, any person is curious to know what extra cost the city has been obliged to incur in the removal of a heavy fall of snow or in meeting a sudden calamity, and the names of the force employed for a day or two at a time, the inquiry will be met courteously.

Municipal administration here is costing too much—chiefly because we have ventured too far and gone too fast for our means—both in the city itself and in the metropolitan systems imposed upon us by the Commonwealth. I have repeatedly called a halt to both, sometimes by reasoning, sometimes by pleading, and sometimes by vehemence, no doubt; but the load, fixed by statute or self-imposed, we must carry as best we can.

All we can do at the Legislature is to pray the members to let Boston alone for the present, and until it can bear new burdens—of which it ought to be the judge. But we can set our own house in order, if it needs it; and if there be a nook or cranny where a saving can be made, let us hospitably admit the light of publicity into it.

I am more concerned than any citizen to discover the truth and make the way clear to get a hundred cents of value for every dollar taken from the taxpayers.

Yielding to a wise suggestion that publication of the list of paid persons in the service of the city should take the form of an ordinance, instead of being left to the humor of a Mayor, for the time being, I conclude to recommend a mandate by the city authorities, binding upon my successors.

The men entrusted with other men's money must show a clean balance sheet.

Though somewhat outside the scope of this message, I venture to suggest to the Board of Aldermen, when they act as county commissioners, to direct the county officials also to conform to the proposed ordinance by reporting—if not to the Mayor, to the county auditor—the names, residences, salaries, dates of election or appointment, of all persons employed in the service of the county, so that it may be incorporated in the published list. As Boston bears all the cost of carrying the county administration, this request is not only reasonable, but vital, to show the people of Boston, who bear all the expense, how the money is spent.

Respectfully,
Patrick A. Collins,
Mayor.

City of Boston.

In the year Nineteen Hundred and Four, an ordinance providing for the publication of a list of city employees:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

"Section 27. Each officer in charge of a department shall, on or before the fifth day of May, in each year, prepare and furnish to the Mayor lists of the officials and employees of the city, employed in his department on the 30th day of April preceding. Such lists shall be arranged by divisions and districts, and shall give the names, residences, designations of, compensation of, and date of election or appointment of, each of such officials and employees; and it shall be the duty of the City Auditor to verify the said lists from the payrolls."

Section 2. Chapter 31 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding, at the end of the second section thereof, the following:

"He shall also print, on or before the first day of June, in each year, a city document containing the lists of officials and employees of the city, referred to in Section 27 of Chapter 3."

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

MEASURER OF GRAIN.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, appointing Robert D. Ware (Sigourney St., Jamaica Plain) a Measurer of Grain for the term ending April 30, 1905.

Laid over, under the law.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK.

1. On petition of the President and Fellows of Harvard College, for leave to project a marquise from building 407-411 Washington St., Wd. 7.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Walworth Manufacturing Company, for license to store and keep for sale gasoline or naphtha in wooden shed at 400 Congress St., Wd. 13.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

3. On petition of the Fire Commissioner, for leave to erect three test boxes—one on Richmond St., Wd. 6, one on Commercial St., Wd. 6, and one on Maverick Sq., Wd. 2.

4. On petition of the Fire Commissioner, for leave to locate a lamp-post for a fire-alarm box on Atlantic Ave., corner of Commercial St., Wd. 6.

5. On petition of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts and the Brookline Gas Light Company, that the first named company be allowed to attach its wires to one pole of the second named company on Linden St., near Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25.

6. On petition of the same companies, that the first named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to four poles of the second named company on Oak Square Ave., between No. 36 and Faneuil St., Wd. 25.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires. (Ald.)

On petitions of The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts for leave to erect poles, viz.:

7. Two poles on Bartlett St., between School and Pearl Sts., Wd. 3.

John F. Tomfahrd, for Sophia Tomfahrd, 69 Bartlett St., appeared and objected to the erection of the poles, on

the ground that it would be an injury to property on the street.

No other objections. Recommended to Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Quigley, with instructions to give a public hearing.

8. Three poles on Sullivan St., near High St., Wd. 5.

Mrs. Harriet J. McMahon, owner 20 Sullivan St.; Horatio Jack, 24 Sullivan St.; A. M. Gutterman, 121 High St.; William H. Murdock, 15 Sullivan St., and Charles S. Robertson, 47 Kilby St., for Mrs. Sarah A. Rand, severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Quigley, with instructions to give a public hearing.

9. Three poles on Maryland St., near Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Patrick Troy, 16 Maryland St.; James H. Ahern, 79 Savin Hill Ave.; Thomas Cassidy, 18 Maryland St.; William Douse, 26 Maryland St.; Margaret A. Fox, 21-23 Maryland St.; Mrs. Flora M. Dunn, 9-15 Maryland St.; Jane H. Murphy, 5 Maryland St.; John J. Evans, 8 Maryland St., and Daniel J. Daly, 10 Midland St., severally appeared and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

10. Eight poles on Elm St., between Faxon and Waterloo Sts., Wd. 20.

Ex-Councilman F. W. Thayer, 311 Tremont building, appeared representing the following remonstrants, who were also present, being all the property owners on the street:

Mrs. Lydia Hobbs, 4 Elm St.; Mrs. Studley, 5 Elm St.; Mrs. Martha F. Bronsdon, 6 Elm St.; Mrs. Flora E. Studley, 5-7 Elm St.; Mrs. Bronsdon, 8 Elm St.; George L. Studley, 9 Elm St.; Mrs. Emma L. Marshall, 10 Elm St.; Archer B. Chadwick, 11 Elm St.; Ora F. Snow, 12 Elm St.; Mrs. Ellen Morris, 14 Elm St.; Mrs. Mrs. Ellen Williamson, 15 Elm St.; Mrs. Elizabeth Barry, 16 Elm St.; Jonas Kneeland, 18 Elm St.; Mrs. Mary E. Davis, 20 Elm St.; Mrs. Theresa A. Lambert, 19 Elm St.; Charles H. Greenwood, 22-24 Elm St.; Mrs. Horan, 22 Elm St.; Mrs. Goodwin, 25 Elm St.; Mrs. Idella A. Hodgkins, 29 Elm St.; Mr. Donohoe, 31 Elm St.; Stephen M. Warren, 28-30 Elm St.; James E. Kent, 31 Elm St.

No further objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires, on motion of Ald. Hennessey, with instructions to give a public hearing.

11. Two poles on Kittredge St., near Whitford St., and two poles on Whitford St., near Kittredge St., Wd. 23.

12. Two poles on Aldie St., between Athol and Franklin Sts., Wd. 25.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.)

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Wonders Associates, a transparency, at 115 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Con. Keefe, an electric sign, at 8-10 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

E. Percy Olive, a frame for photographic printing, at 101 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Goodman-Leavitt-Yatter Co., an illuminated sign, at 342 Washington St., Wd. 7.

William T. Reilly, an electric sign, at 724 Washington St., Wd. 7.

James Nagle & Co., an electric sign, at 779 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John E. Breslin & Co., an illuminated sign, at 189 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

William C. Gregor, an illuminated sign, at 355 Washington St., Wd. 7.

L. D. Greene, an illuminated sign, at 29-31 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

A. C. and M. L. Feikin, an illuminated sign, at 4 India Sq., Wd. 7.

Wood, Pollard & Co., an illuminated sign, at 170 Summer St., Wd. 7.

Emerson & Co., two wooden signs, at 299 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Hymen B. Birnbach, a sign, at 1048-1050 Washington St., Wd. 9.

D. J. Keefe & Co., an electric sign, at 109 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Frank A. Hawes, a sign, at 113A Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

George H. Page, an illuminated sign, at 8 West Springfield St., Wd. 12.

Lydon, Bros., an illuminated sign, at 121-123 Broadway, Wd. 13.

William T. J. Cogswell, three barber poles, at 92 P St., Wd. 14.

Thomas J. Carey, an unlettered arc lamp, at 19 Palmer St., Wd. 17.

Boston Auto Livery Co., an illuminated sign, at 116 West Brookline St., Wd. 18.

Tosi & Tebaldi, illuminated sign, 2-4 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

L. H. Daloz, for the removal of a tree on Humphreys St.

Claims.

James J. English, for compensation for damages on account of the backing up of sewage at 16 Marmion St., J. P.

Rose A. Tirrell, for compensation for personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in Woodville St., Roxbury.

Electric Wires.

Brookline Gas Light Co. and the N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., that the first named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to three poles of the second named company on Ashford St. and one pole at corner of Ashford and Chester Sts., Wd. 25.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Co., for leave to erect one pole at 90 Green St., Wd. 3.

The N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect two poles on Trenton St., near White St., Wd. 1.

Same company for leave to erect two poles on Princeton St., near Prescott St., Wd. 1.

Licenses.

G. H. Batcheller, for a permit for Ralph LeClair, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Lyceum Theatre for one week, beginning December 12, 1904.

Henry W. Savage, for a permit for Carl Heindl and other children, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Tremont Theatre for four weeks, beginning December 19.

George W. Magee, manager, for a permit for Ethel Mawkins, under 15 years of age, to appear at the Grand Opera House during the present week.

Union General Hospital, for a license for Sunday concerts at the Mechanics Building on the evenings of Dec. 25, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905.

Boston Emergency Hospital, for a license for Sunday evening concerts on Dec. 25, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905, at the Grand Opera House.

Columbia Benevolent Association, for license for Sunday evening concert at the Columbia Theatre on Dec. 18, 1904.

Musicians' Aid Society, for a license for a Sunday concert at Symphony Hall, Huntington Ave., on Dec. 18.

Boston Emergency Hospital, for a license for a Sunday evening concert at the Grand Opera House, on Dec. 11, 1904.

Theatrical Mechanics' Association, for a license for a Sunday evening concert at the Boston Theatre on Jan. 8, 1905.

Samuel Sidman, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for two weeks, beginning Dec. 14.

D. G. Harlow, for license to exhibit two live moose at 122 Court St., for two weeks, beginning Dec. 12.

Boston Automobile Dealers' Association, Inc., for a license for an exhibition of automobiles and motor boats, at Mechanics Building for one week beginning March 1, 1905.

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Association, for a license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments in hall at 31 North Russell St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Public Improvements.

Charles E. Cotting et al., trustees, for leave to construct areas on Harrison Ave. and Hayward Pl., Wd. 7.

PAPER FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL

13. The following order was passed and sent up by the Common Council:

Ordered, That in accordance with Rev. Laws, Chap. 111, Section 149, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston and His Honor the Mayor thereof be requested to file a petition in the Superior Court for Suffolk county stating that the petitioners are of the opinion that it is necessary for the security and convenience of the public that an alteration should be so made in the crossing of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroad tracks at Saratoga St. in that part of Boston called Orient Heights, as to avoid a crossing at grade, and thereupon to take such other proceedings in the premises as may be required by law.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

The Board proceeded to take up No. 14, unfinished business, viz.:

14. Action on appointments by the Mayor of George E. Clark and William I. Fogarty to be weighers of coal for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Ald. Bresnahan and Slatery. Whole number of ballots cast 10. Yes 10, and the appointments were confirmed.

Ald. KNEELAND in the chair.

ORDER OF NOTICE—MARQUISES.

On petition of A. E. Hurlbert, for leave to project two marquises from Hotel Haymarket, one at 125 Causeway St., and one at 176 Canal St., Wd. 5—an order of notice was passed for a hearing thereon on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS.

Communications were received from the Harbor and Land Commissioners giving notices of hearings on Dec. 21 on petitions of the Water Commissioner of Boston for license to construct a tunnel for water pipe in Fort Point Channel at Dover St. bridge, and A. T. Stearns and the A. T. Stearns Lumber Co. for licenses to build structures and build solid in Neponset river.

Placed on file.

CLERK HIRE.

A communication was received from Thomas F. Temple, Register of Deeds, in accordance with the provisions of of Sec. 33, Chap. 22, of the Revised Laws, certifying that certain persons had been employed in his office and that work had been performed to the amount of \$1880.18.

Approved and ordered paid.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Ald. HENNESSEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the city of Boston for the month of December 1904. Report accepted; order passed.

CENSUS STATISTICS.

Ald. FROTHINGHAM offered an order—That the chief of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor be requested, in making the next decennial census of the Commonwealth, to direct that the enumeration shall be made in such manner as to show, for each assessment block, the number of legal voters and of inhabitants by sex, color, nativity, parent-nativity, conjugal condition, occupation and physical condition, and by 5-year age periods.

Passed.

INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the committee, submitted the following:

The special committee of the Board of Aldermen, appointed to inspect the prisons in the county of Suffolk, having made the inspection required by the laws of the Commonwealth, respectfully submit the following report:

On October 26 the committee inspected the jail for Suffolk County. This institution for a number of years has been handled in a manner which met with the praise of the various inspecting officials, and the committee find it this year in its usual excellent condition. Inquiries of the inmates developed the facts that the food was good and wholesome, the cells and bed clothing clean and in good condition, and the treatment of the inmates by the officers humane and considerate.

The Parental School for boys, West Roxbury, was visited on October 26, and found in very fair condition. No complaints were made by the inmates of their treatment, but the committee are obliged to call attention again to the poor administration in the matter of labor employed. The number of employees is insufficient, the provisions of law prescribing the hours of labor are disregarded, and the wages paid firemen are not what should be allowed for this work. The recommendations made by the committee of last year for a new school building, equipped with a gymnasium and assembly hall, for the erection of a new barn, and for the purchase of the land and buildings adjoining the institution, have not been carried out, presumably for lack of money, and these recommendations are again called to the attention of the city government and the trustees.

The House of Reformation for Boys, at Rainsford Island, which was visited October 27, was found to be in first-class order in every way. The only improvement which the committee can suggest would be the removal of the institution to a place containing more land, where the boys could work outdoors during the summer.

The House of Correction at Deer Island was inspected October 27, and the

discipline, policing and food, in fact everything connected with the administration of the institution, were found almost perfect. The new woman's prison is now ready for occupancy, the furnishings being about completed. It is unfortunate that a new wing for laundry purposes could not have been constructed while this building was under way, as recommended by previous committees, as the cost would have been much less than if done later on. At the present time the only improvement of any importance which the committee can recommend in this institution is the assembling of the various heating plants in one building, thereby effecting a large saving in cost.

The committee had the pleasure of visiting the islands on one of the first trips of the new institutions steamer, the "Monitor," and found it to be a model boat for the purposes for which it is to be used.

The thanks of the committee are due, for the assistance and courtesy shown them during the inspection, to Mr. John B. Martin, penal institutions commissioner, and his assistant, Mr. Herbert S. Carruth; Mr. John O'Hare and Dr. Charles P. Putnam of the trustees for children; Mr. Sumner D. Seavey, superintendent at Rainsford Island; Mr. D. P. Dame, superintendent at the Parental School; Mr. James R. Gerrish, master of the House of Correction, and Mr. Fred H. Seavey, sheriff of Suffolk county.

(Annexed were the reports of the superintendents of the various institutions, giving in detail the information called for under the statutes.)

Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

RECESS TAKEN.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. BRESNAHAN, at 4.54 o'clock P. M., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by Chairman Doyle at 7.12 o'clock P. M.

RAILROADS.

Chairman DOYLE, for the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report on the petition of the Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Incorporated (recommended May 2), to construct, maintain and use a single track railroad through the following streets—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Incorporated, to construct, maintain and use a single track railroad for the transportation of freight, with necessary spur tracks, switches and connections, through the following streets in the City of Boston, viz.:—

Beginning at the junction of Addison St. and the Boston & Albany railroad, in East Boston; thence upon Chelsea and East Eagle Sts. to land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, lessees; thence from said land at the junction of Glendon and Condon Sts., upon Condon St., Border St., Sumner St. and New St.; said tracks being shown by white lines on a plan made by Jos. R. Carr & Sons, dated February, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets.

And the consent of the Board of Aldermen is granted to said company to establish and maintain the overhead trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said location, and to erect, maintain and use iron poles, not less than twenty feet in height, at places indicated by red dots or circles on the aforesaid plan, or at such other places, to be shown by blue

dots or circles on said plan, as may be approved by the Superintendent of Streets, and to place on said poles such wires and other appliances as the Commissioner of Wires shall approve.

The right to lay down the tracks located by this order is upon condition that the whole work of laying the same, the form of rail to be used, and the kind and quality of material used in paving said tracks, and the kind and locations of poles, shall be under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by him. Also upon condition that said railway company shall accept this order, and shall file such acceptance with the City Clerk within thirty days from its passage, otherwise it shall be null and void.

The whole work authorized to be done under the provisions of this order shall be completed within one year from the date of the passage of this order.

Ald. Slattery dissents.

At request of Ald. Whelton the Chairman read the petition, as follows:

Boston, Mass., Feb. 11, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen for the City of Boston:

Gentlemen,—Your petitioner, the Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Incorporated, respectfully represents that it is with others a large owner and lessee of properties along the lines of streets hereinafter mentioned; that as such owner and lessee it asks the consent of your Honorable Board to locate, lay and maintain a spur track, with such turn-outs, curves and switches as may be needed, and to erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures upon the streets hereinafter named, for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power except steam, a spur track for the transportation of freight, through the following streets in the City of Boston, viz.:

Beginning at the junction of Addison St. and the Boston & Albany R. R. in East Boston; thence upon Chelsea and East Eagle Sts. to land of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, lessees; thence over private lands to the junction of Glendon and Condon Sts.; thence upon Condon St. to Border St.; thence upon Border St. to Sumner St.; thence upon Sumner St. to and upon New St., all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Spur Track for Docks in East Boston, dated February, 1904, compiled by Jos. R. Carr & Sons," submitted herewith.

Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Inc.

Wendell F. Brown, Pres.

Office of City Clerk.

Plan filed April 12, 1904.

Ald. WHELTON.—Mr. Chairman, I desire at this time to make a motion that further consideration of this matter be assigned for one week. I do so for this reason. The Committee on Railroads has had since last February to consider this matter. The members of the Board of Aldermen, outside of that committee, have perhaps had a chance to observe, but have not probably received all the information that the Committee on Railroads is in receipt of. East Boston for 40 years has been trying to get rid of surface roads. East Boston, through its representative citizens, including a man who has just been elected to the Board of Aldermen for the year 1905, came to the City Hall and before the Committee on Railroads made objection to the granting of this location. East Boston, on last Fourth of July, by banners and inscriptions, gloried in the fact that at last it was to be rid of grade crossings. Tonight, as I understand the wording of the report of the Committee on Railroads, East Boston is to be again burdened with the surface tracks. To my mind the corporation that asks this privilege is asking for that which will, if se-

cured, be in a short space of time turned over to the Boston & Albany Railroad as a means for dumping its freight at the various wharf fronts, where locations are asked for. I maintain that it is not fair to East Boston, that it is not fair to the people of East Boston, who are not represented in the Board of Aldermen this year, that in the dying hours of the board of 1904 this matter should be taken up and disposed of. I maintain that the people of East Boston, who have fought honestly and strenuously to secure that which they justly believe is their right—the abandonment of surface tracks by railroads, outside of trolley cars—should have their wishes respected by this Board of Aldermen. I believe East Boston has been pestered and bothered as has no other section of the city by railroads; and, in behalf of many of the East Boston people who have come to me, I sincerely hope action will not be taken at this time. I most respectfully move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

The motion to assign was declared lost. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the motion to assign was lost, yeas 4, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Frothingham, Hennessey, Slattery, Whelton—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley—8.

The question came on accepting the report and passing the order.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, as appears by the report of the committee I dissent from the report which has been presented to this body by the chairman, and for various reasons. I sat here as a member of the committee during several hearings, listened to the case as put in by the petitioners and listened to the remonstrances as offered here by the people of East Boston. To sum it up as it appeared to me, the petition was that of a corporation, a corporation that has some business interests—perhaps large business interests—over in East Boston. They came here and told us that the granting of this permit would mean a great deal to them and to their business, and I have no doubt that perhaps it would. I think it might mean the saving of several thousand dollars to these people in the matter of trucking. But, gentlemen, this is a matter that concerns the people of East Boston, and the people of East Boston have come here and objected most strenuously. They came here through their public-spirited citizens; they came here through residents and owners along this proposed route. And let me say that I have examined the proposed route in the main and find that, while perhaps a large part of it—in fact, I may say almost the whole water side of Border and Condor Sts.—is devoted to business, on the opposite side half the distance is pretty well covered by tenement houses, some of them single houses, some of them two-flat houses, and some of them three-apartment houses. They are the houses of respectable, decent, hard-working people; and, in addition to those who appeared here in remonstrance, a petition was offered bearing the signatures of the heads of 150 families presented to our committee by Mr. Nolan, who is to represent that district in the Board of Aldermen next year. As it appeared to me, while there might be an advantage to this corporation in having the permit granted, there would be a decided disadvantage and detriment to the property owners along these streets along this route as mapped out; and, not only would it depreciate the value of the property, but would be a decided injury, inconvenience and annoyance to the

people who happened to have residences along the route. But they say to you in answer to that, "Oh, well, the street is a business street, there should not be residences along there." Let me ask you, gentlemen, what consolation there is in that to the man who owns a little home that costs perhaps \$3000 or \$4000? Is there any consolation in the fact that some wealthy corporation men want to convert that property into a business property and that district into a business section? While it may be that eventually the price of property will go up on that street, how soon may that be, I ask you? It may be 25 years hence; it may be 50 years hence; and what consolation is that to the man who owns one of these little residences along that street? But, apart from that, gentlemen, there is another consideration, and that is that this is a public highway. I believe fully that when the highway was dedicated to that purpose, it was not dedicated with the idea of later on giving it over to a corporation to make a freight railroad upon. They may answer that there is one down on Atlantic Av. Well, that does not justify us in repeating the error. There is one down on Atlantic av., one for which a permit was granted upon certain conditions, and I think those conditions provide that the road shall only be operated after certain hours in the evening. As I was coming from East Boston today, at the noon hour, I was detained—not many minutes, I grant, but I was detained—by a train and five cars of the Union Freight Railway, now operating on Atlantic av. I think that should be an example to us. We see enough of it there. Let us not repeat it in East Boston. It has been well pointed out by the gentleman from the North End that only recently East Boston has had a great celebration because of the fact that grade crossings were to be abolished; and even today, on your calendar, gentlemen, there is a petition in regard to the abolition of the grade crossing at Orient Heights. For these reasons, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I feel called upon and ask the other members of the Board, to vote against this. It is an outrage on the people of East Boston, and must certainly work tremendous harm, great depreciation in value of property, and a serious inconvenience and annoyance to the people who live along that thoroughfare.

Ald. O'TOOLE in the Chair.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I fully agree with what Ald. Slattery has said upon this matter, and I am glad that he has brought to the attention of the members of this board the Union Freight Railway now operating on Atlantic Ave., Commercial, Causeway and Lowell Sts. As one who was born in the West End I know full well what freight trains mean to the people of the city of Boston. I know full well how many children for countless years past, ever since the Union Freight Railway Corporation received its charter, have been killed, have been maimed, injured and made cripples for life. I know full well that it was a representative of Wd. 8 in the Legislature who demanded as a concession from the Union Freight Railway that it should not run its trains before midnight. I know, and every man who does business in Boston knows, that the Union Freight Railway takes up more time of the citizens from the junction of Commercial St. and Atlantic Ave. and along its route, than does all the teaming in Boston. You know, and I know, all those who frequent Atlantic Ave., who see it day after day, week in and week out, know that there will often be ten to fifteen cars of that railway running on Atlantic Ave., making it impossible,

after the city of Boston has spent so much money for the widening of Atlantic Ave., to give rapid transit or to afford the needed facilities for teaming in that section of the city. The charter of the Union Freight Railway was granted without conditions. It does not pay one fraction of a cent for maintaining a foot of the street along its route. The city of Boston entered into a suit against it for thirty thousand dollars to recover a part of the amount paid out for paving along Atlantic Ave. and Commercial St.; but when the charter was looked up it was found that it was exempt from all conditions. It does not have to remove snow; it does not have to repave the street; it does not have to relay its tracks. It is a corporation so powerful that the like of it is not in this Commonwealth; and today the Committee on Railroads comes into this board and asks us to grant a location to this other corporation, about whom we know nothing, about whose standing we cannot say. We do not know how it is financed, who its members are, or how it is incorporated; and yet they ask us to say to that corporation, "Here is a franchise which you may have until time immemorial, and when you get ready and willing to do so you can turn it over entirely to the Boston & Albany railroad. If the people of East Boston make any objection, tell them that you have the charter in your possession." That is about the sum and substance of it. I say, and I maintain, that if we are to allow a surface road such as is contemplated in this order the residents of East Boston will long regret the fact that the members of this Board of Aldermen ever granted such a location. When children are killed, injured or maimed, either from passing in front of the trains or from climbing upon the cars and taking chances, as all children will do, the parents of those children who are killed, maimed or bruised, as well as those of the children who may have occasion to suffer from injuries during their lives, will have cause to remember the fact that it was the Board of Aldermen of 1904 that made such things possible. I maintain that it is not fair to the 50,000 people of East Boston, who have urged, talked and legislated against grade crossings, through their councilmen, their representatives, their aldermen, and even up to the governor, in the last days of the Board of Aldermen of 1904 to ram through what I believe to be an iniquitous thing.

Ald. QUIGLEY—Mr. Chairman, I am going to vote for this matter, because I think it will be a benefit to East Boston. I think it will be of vast benefit to East Boston. As far as the picture drawn by my friend from Wd. 8 is concerned, I don't think there will be half the danger from these freight trains that there is from the electric cars and the automobiles going through our streets. The danger from these slow-moving freight trains is very slight as compared with that from the fast-moving electric cars and automobiles. My vote will be cast for this measure simply because I believe in it. I believe it will be of great benefit to East Boston. I merely want to place myself right.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I want to call the attention of the Board of Aldermen to one thing, and that is the statement made before the Committee on Railroads by an East Boston business man who believed that the Board of Aldermen would be doing a good thing for the commercial interests of East Boston in granting this location. He said that, in the event of this charter being secured, they would be enabled to bring a freight car up to the

door of his shipping house and load his goods into the car, saving them from all weather conditions to which they might be exposed by reason of being placed upon a truck and carted to Boston proper. If I remember rightly, Alderman-elect Nolan asked him what his business was, and he said his concern was engaged in the making of blocks for vessels, more particularly fishing vessels. There was a business man who came in here before a committee and admitted that he simply wanted this in order to protect his property that was afterwards to be exposed to the elements. He was asked, "How long have you been aware of the fact that this petition was before the Board of Aldermen?" He said, "I was telephoned to only half an hour ago." He was asked again, "Are not your blocks, your tackle, exposed to the elements on these vessels?" He readily admitted that they were, and yet he said it would be a good thing for East Boston, and for his house in particular, to have this road, because they would have a chance to put their goods on the cars and not expose them to the elements. In my opinion, there was not a man who came before the committee and gave a good satisfactory reason why this charter should be granted. There is no doubt in my mind that this corporation, whoever its representatives are or wherever they come from, is in here for the purpose first of getting a foothold and then of transferring eventually its powers to the Boston & Albany corporation. I respectfully submit, for the benefit of the people of East Boston, that this matter should not be acted upon definitely at this time. I believe we should give the Board of Aldermen of the coming year an opportunity to discuss the matter, and I move that it be referred to the next City Government.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I am extremely sorry that my distinguished friend from the West End has allowed his sympathies to become so fearfully aroused in this matter. I don't know why he has not taken a special interest in the petition before. It has been here long enough for him to do so. We had public hearings here in reference to the matter, and the business interests of East Boston were represented in the chamber at those hearings. As to the argument of the gentleman in regard to exposure of blocks and tackle from his factory in East Boston, I don't see that that is such a foolish argument to use. The thing to consider is not that the goods become wet and weatherbeaten after they are placed upon the fishing vessels, but that they become damaged before they are placed on the market. The gentleman, if he was fitting out a vessel, would not want to buy blocks and tackle which did not appear new when he bought them, even though he knew they would become weatherbeaten and worn after they were used. In reference to the injury which will befall the youth of the district through which this railroad is to pass, I desire simply to say this, that if so much injury is to befall the youth of that section, why not do away with electric cars and other vehicles that go a great deal faster than these cars will? These cars will be propelled by electricity, in the night time. No cars will be run in the day at all, but only at night, and consequently there cannot be much danger to the life and limb of the people of that section. Furthermore, the argument he uses is the same argument that was used against steam railroads in the middle of the last century; and if the people had then believed in reference to the steam railroads as he believes now with reference to the

slow-going freight cars on this proposed route, we would not now have any steam railroads at all. Because hardly a day passes that anywhere from one to ten people are not injured on the West End road, is that any reason why we should do away with electric car transportation? We have to do something for the business interests of the city, because the records show that business is leaving Boston. We have not been fair with the business interests, the commercial interests, here in the past, and your docks will show it. New York and other cities having a water front have spent hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars in improving their facilities, and have literally given their property away to the business interests, in order to encourage commerce. We have been entirely too lax with reference to our business interests. There was no opposition to this, I maintain, except from those who were deceived in coming here in opposition. I admit that a few were afraid that the introduction of these tracks would in some way injure their property. There were others, representing thousands upon thousands of dollars' worth of real estate in East Boston, who testified before the committee that without any question this would result in property values increasing tremendously over there, and who said that these very men who were somewhat afraid that it might injure their property would be in a position, after this concern was given its charter, running its tracks and doing its business there, for a short time to see that they had made a mistake; that undoubtedly the values would increase to such an extent that the property that is now occupied by cheap tenement houses—and I say this in no disrespectful way at all—would be developed into business property and would increase enormously in value, with the result that there would be a tremendously greater amount of valuable taxable property along the road. I maintain that I am just as much interested in seeing that these men who own little tenement houses are protected as is any man in this Board. My record in that respect during the past six years is just as good with reference to the interests of the poor people as is any man in the Board. I do not bow to any man in this Board, when it comes to attempting, to the best of my humble ability, to take care of the interests of the common people, as I understand them. In so far as the interests of the common people are concerned, I have not been a step in the rear of my friend from the West End or of any other member of the Board. I say there is a good argument in favor of this corporation being given its charter. It will increase the commerce of Boston, the shipping of Boston; and, while it is not good argument to tell men something I cannot prove as an absolute fact, yet I do know to my own satisfaction that there will be several large shipping concerns very materially benefited by this railroad, and that it will increase the commerce of Boston and increase the value of the property in East Boston very, very much within the next five years. I see no reason in the world why this permission should not be granted to this corporation. We had before us the representatives of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association. It was advertised in the newspapers; everybody knew that there was to be a hearing at the hall, and we had before us the representative business men of that section, men who represent millions of taxable property, all of whom were very strongly in favor of granting the petition. We did not have

any opposition to it. That is, the position of those who spoke against it was not that of men entirely opposed to the granting of the petition, except in so far as they thought it might injure their property, and they wanted to be recompensed to that extent. I say in my judgment, as a man who has had some knowledge of real estate and who has had some interest in the welfare of the city of Boston, that if we grant this petition I believe in the next five years every bit of property owned by those men in East Boston who opposed the passage of this order will have increased at least two-fold. I sincerely hope the order will be passed this afternoon.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, the gentleman who has just taken his seat has stated that in his opinion within four or five years the property along the line of this proposed road will have greatly advanced in value. I will say to the gentleman that property never advanced on Lowell St. until the Union Freight Railway was stopped from carrying its freight in its cars until midnight. That is the fact. I also want to ask the Committee on Railroads, what are the conditions imposed upon the road in this grant which we are asked to make today? The alderman who has just taken his seat has said that they will not operate their trains until 11 or 12 o'clock at night. Is that provision in the order which the committee has reported today? If so, I would like to know it.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I made no such statement, or if I did so it was unintentional. My statement was that the cars would not be operated until night. But I do not imagine they would wait until 11 or 12 o'clock before starting operations. I presume that they would run their trains sometime after 6 or 7 o'clock. But it is not their intention to run their cars by steam, as the cars are run on Atlantic Ave. now, but to run them by electricity, getting their power from the elevated tracks; and we were informed by the men who appeared in behalf of the petition that they were going to run only at night.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, so far as I know, the petition does not state that it is going to be operated by electricity, or how it is to be operated. They merely come in with a blank petition, as I understand it. If they are going to operate by electricity, that is all right; but the fact remains that we are going to allow them to run through the streets and to collect their freight along the way, after they collect it dumping it on the Boston & Albany Railroad. It is simply a spur track to help out the Boston & Albany Railroad and make it impossible for teamsters in the city of Boston to secure the merchandise they now secure, by reason of the merchandise being loaded and unloaded from those cars. I don't know what this corporation is, what it represents, or what it is capitalized for, and I don't care; but I believe, and I believe firmly, that what it is proposed to do will be the most unjust thing that was ever done to East Boston. I believe that that section of our city, which has steadfastly opposed and tried to remedy the grade crossing evil, should be respected, that its representatives should be respected, and that the Board of Aldermen should give to them the consideration that is given to others. I do not believe that tenement property along this proposed route is going to increase in value. I have every reason to believe that if this corporation secures its charter and its right of location, every man who has a dollar invested in a dwelling-house along the line will have to lose

at least 25, if not 50, per cent of his investment, and will have to go elsewhere in order to protect the interests of his family. You can do what you please; I do not believe this is fair to the people of East Boston. I protest just as strongly in their behalf as I would if the thing were to happen in the West End; and I sincerely regret that the Board of Aldermen of 1904 are going to give this corporation a right to locate a freight railway in the streets of East Boston, because the West and North Ends know the damage that has been inflicted for twenty or thirty years past by the Union Freight Railway. That is the way we judge the conditions that are likely to arise in East Boston.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman from the West End whether or not the property along the line of the Union Freight Railway Company has not increased very materially in value during the past twenty years?

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, so far as I know the increase has been small in comparison with other parts of Atlantic Ave. where the road does not operate.

Ald. DOYLE—I would like to ask the gentleman what other part of Atlantic Ave.?

Ald. WHELTON—Well, I will say, Mr. Chairman, down by the South Station.

Ald. BROMBERG—Mr. Chairman, as a member of the Railroad Committee I sat in this chamber when those hearings were going on, and I have no recollection of any large outpouring of indignant citizens from East Boston because of this proposed railroad location along by their wharves. On the contrary, Mr. Chairman, I remember distinctly no less a man than Mr. Whidden, whom I have known a great many years, and who is one of our best citizens, making the statement before the committee, which I noted particularly, because I happen to know him well, and I believe that what he says is perfectly true, that this would be one of the greatest business opportunities that East Boston had ever had. He went on to outline, as did other prominent gentlemen speaking in behalf of this railway, that along the wharves there in East Boston properties which are now stagnant and lying idle would be largely increased in value; that business would be brought to East Boston which it does not possess at the present time; that these wharves would be largely developed through the medium of this railroad company. I believe, Mr. Chairman, that instead of inflicting damage and harm on that section of East Boston, this Board of 1904 will be conferring upon it a decided advantage and benefit. I believe it is for the Board of Aldermen, as for every other legislative body in Massachusetts, as the upper branch of the Boston City Government, to do all it can to assist our business interests in various sections, particularly in a place like East Boston. I know if the section I represent had a water front and there was a chance for property practically stagnant to become of some value for business purposes, thereby adding to the value of the whole section, I would do everything in my power, if it could be improved and benefited in some such manner as is here proposed, to have it done. As I say, I remember particularly the statements of Mr. Whidden and other prominent men who came here in favor of this project, and I distinctly recollect also that there was no indignation, as stated by the gentleman from the West End. I think a great deal of the sympathetic appeal we have heard here this afternoon is largely uncalled for.

The hearings were well attended by prominent business men from that section of the city, and they advocated this project for financial and other reasons, as a benefit to the section. I think, looking at it from the standpoint of benefiting East Boston, as well as the other parts of the city, that the Board should grant the location.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I remember, as does the alderman on my left (Ald. Bromberg) having listened to Mr. Whidden, and my recollection of his statement was this, that he was a property owner in East Boston, owning property at the corner of Glendon and East Eagle sts.; that one-half of that property was used by the city as a paving yard and the other half was vacant; and that he hoped by this change, by the introduction there of freight facilities, to have all his property improved for business purposes, so that he might get a better price for his land. That is a little bit selfish. Mr. Cox, the manager of the Atlantic Works, a big concern, and he an able gentleman, admitted frankly in answer to a question put to him that he was a bit selfish himself, that he was looking to a reduction of expenses for his company; and, while he may have insinuated that that reduction of expenses would mean more people employed in his works, still I believe he did not go so far as to say that it would. It would mean a reduction of expenses, and that reduction would mean, Mr. Chairman, as I look at it, a putting of more money into the pockets of the men who run the Atlantic Works in East Boston, and the putting of more money into the pockets of the capitalists who happen to own wharf property in East Boston, with an utter disregard and neglect of the people who happen to own small tenement houses and residences on that route.

Ald. HENNESSEY—Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat surprised that this matter has come up here so suddenly this afternoon without any previous announcement from those interested in it. It is true that it came in last February, and, I suppose, took its regular course. But now, just on the eve of the close of the Board of 1904, this matter is brought here without a moment's notice to other than members of the committee. There are some very pertinent reasons why this petition should not be granted. If it were a question of enlarging the facilities of the City of Boston, I, for one, would be in favor of it. If it were for the purpose of enlarging her business or in any way extending her commerce, her shipping or her shipyards, I would be in favor of it. But if it is a double-edged sword that cuts both ways, I believe we should consider both sides of the question. I think we should consider the individuals injured as well as the individuals benefited. I think we should consider whether the individuals injured are citizens and taxpayers of the City of Boston and whether the men benefited are not taxpayers of the City of Boston. It is easy to say that this property will appreciate in value. It is natural for all property in the City of Boston to appreciate in value. But will the building of this railroad be the cause of its appreciation, or will it depreciate it? I think the workman, the artisan, the mechanic, who has given his entire life to accumulating enough to buy a little home for himself and family, or for a little investment, is entitled to the greatest consideration. I believe in giving the capitalist, the moneyed man, proper consideration; but I do say we should give the other man, our own citizens, the consideration he is entitled to. The City of Boston has just expended millions of dollars in providing a tun-

nel to East Boston. One of the results of that will be to increase values there; and now we are proposing to give five streets over to this surface freight railroad. I cannot quite see the pertinency of the comparison made by one of the previous speakers who says that a man opposing this would have objected to the introduction of the steam railroad in years past. A railroad, when it seeks for a location, goes manfully and pays for its location as laid out. It pays dollar for dollar for everything it receives from the community. In this case, we are asked to give up public property to this corporation, the rights of the citizens of Boston in the streets, and when we do that once we do it for all time.

Ald. DOYLE—May I ask the gentleman a question?

Mr. HENNESSEY—After I am through I will be pleased to answer. We are asked to give these five streets to this corporation, to give them an easement in those streets, making an extra burden on the thoroughfares. The streets were created for a certain kind of traffic, the traffic that prevails there today. It is said that if you object to this it is likely that you would object to electric cars. Well, we would object to the Boston Elevated running its elevated structure cars on the surface. We would certainly object to that. We say that most men are selfish, and if there was any chance for them to run their elevated trains on the surface, no doubt they might think it would be a good thing, from a business point of view. Humanity, the individual, is selfish; but we must provide and safeguard the interests of all. We must take care of those not represented in this board; and it would be nothing but fair, decent and just, coming with good grace from this board, to put this matter over until next year, when a representative of East Boston will be here to plead the cause of East Boston—at which time I have no doubt that full justice will be done to all concerned.

Ald. WHELTON's motion to refer to the next Board of Aldermen was declared lost.

Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost, yeas 4, nays 8:

Yeas—Ald. Frothingham, Hennessey, Slattery, Whelton—4.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley—8.

The report was accepted, the order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, before final disposition is made of this order I would like a member of the Committee on Railroads to answer a question I desire to ask—that is, whether or not there are any conditions in the grant that is being given to these people today as regards the time for running and operating the cars? That is the thing I want principally to know.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, as chairman of the Committee on Railroads I cannot exactly state whether it does say that they shall run within certain hours or not. I know that at the hearing the men interested in the petition said they wanted to run their cars at night.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I know this matter is going to pass the Board this afternoon. The votes show that. But I would like to have the members of the Board of Aldermen for this year place something in the grant they are to give this corporation today making it sufficiently strong or explicit so that we may know whether or not this company is going to operate at night time, in the day, or all day and all night. That is all.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would be willing to accept an amendment myself to that effect. I don't know exactly what the hours that would be best for the petitioners and for the public are. But I believe this is a matter that might be more properly determined by the Railroad Commissioners; and I would move that the hours of running this railroad should be governed by order of the Railroad Commission, leaving it entirely in the hands of the Railroad Commission.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I am much obliged to our chairman for what he has said in this matter. I believe he is honest, but I believe we ought to have something that is more pointed.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield a moment—

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I desire to amend so much of that order as will make it clear that no trains shall operate except between the hours of 11 P.M. and 5 A.M.

Ald. DOYLE—Mr. Chairman, I would rather have any man in the Board of Aldermen vote against this petition than vote for that amendment. I say that frankly. I don't know myself how this could be best amended. I want to vote to grant this petition, but if I am going to vote to amend the petition I want to do so properly, so that it will result in something that will eventually turn out to be for the best interests of the people of East Boston, and for the best commercial interests of the entire city. I don't want to grant the petition of the corporation and then tie it up so that it will be worthless to the petitioner. I desire to say that I will sever my connection with the Board of Aldermen on the first Monday in January, while the member on my right will be a member next year. The Board of Aldermen have from time to time the right to come in and regulate those hours themselves. The alderman will have a perfect right next year or at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen to regulate the hours. Inasmuch as that is so, and inasmuch as we are not at the present moment prepared to state at just exactly what hours they should run their railroad, I don't think it is fair to hold them down to any specific hours. I am perfectly satisfied that it should be governed by the railroad commissioners, over whom we certainly have no control.

The order was declared passed. Ald. Whelton doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, and the order was passed, yeas 8, nays 4:

Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bresnahan, Bromberg, Doyle, Kneeland, O'Toole, Quigley—8.

Nays—Ald. Frothingham, Hennessey, Slattery, Whelton—4.

Ald. DOYLE moved to reconsider, hoping it would not prevail; lost.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports (that no action is necessary on the following:

Order (referred Jan. 23) directing the Committee on Legislative Matters to favor House Bills 103 and 143.

Order (referred Feb. 29) directing the said committee to favor Senate Bill 201.

Petition of Robert Greene (referred June 27), for leave to sell flowers at corner of Tremont and Pleasant streets, from 5 to 9 P.M.

Order (referred Jan. 27) relative to the macadamizing of Proctor, Magazine and Farnham streets.

Petition of H. B. Goodenough et als. (referred Oct. 12), for the paving of gutters on Eastburn St., Wd. 25.

Frank M. Segall (referred Nov. 14), for leave to stand on Tremont St., near Park St., from Dec. 10 to Dec. 26, for the sale of toys and Christmas goods.

Order (referred in 1902), asking for a report as to what changes have been made by departments as a result of examination of department by Expert Chase.

Order (referred Oct. 24) relative to the removal by the Charlestown Gas and Electric Co. of its poles in Main St., Charlestown.

Petition of Gulliver & Allen (referred in 1903), for leave to erect a small temporary office in front of their place of business at 4, 4½ and 5 New Faneuil Hall Market.

Order (referred Jan. 25) for the construction of a sidewalk on Warren St., from Allston to Woodside St., Wd. 25.

Order (referred in 1902) relative to putting in condition the alleyway between Devens and Prescott Sts., Wd. 5. Reports severally accepted.

(2) Reports recommending that licenses to store and keep for sale petroleum and its products, be granted, as follows:

Wilson & Co. (referred Oct. 17), at 894 Dorchester Ave.

Joseph Kennedy (referred Oct. 3), at Starr Lane, Jamaica Plain.

The Reid-Underhill Company (referred Oct. 3), at 222-224 Columbus Ave., Wd. 10.

Dowling & Maguire (referred Oct. 3), at 745 Boylston St., Wd. 11.

A. L. Flanders (referred Oct. 17), to store and keep gasoline at 1996 Columbus Ave., Wd. 22.

Reports severally accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports recommending that the following petitioners for leave to store and keep for sale petroleum and its products, have leave to withdraw, as follows:

Transfer Automobile Station (referred June 27), at 234 Dudley St., Wd. 17.

G. H. Burt (referred June 27), at 541 Tremont St., Wd. 10.

Oldsmobile Co. of N. E. (referred July 11), at 33 Stanhope St., Wd. 10.

Maynard Automobile Co. (referred July 11), at 389-391 Norfolk St., Wd. 24.

Jeffries Point Yacht Yard and Boat Building Co. (referred June 13), at foot of Maverick St., East Boston.

Columbia Road Automobile Station (referred June 27), at 610 Columbia Road, Wd. 16.

Reports severally accepted.

(4) Reports recommending that the following petitioners have leave to withdraw:

Andrew J. Lloyd & Co. (referred last year), for leave to erect an illuminated clock in sidewalk at 315 Washington St., Wd. 7.

George O. Fogg (referred in 1902), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 230 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Arthur Amory (referred June 27), for leave to construct a coal hole at 133 Marlboro St., Wd. 11.

James A. Penfield, Agent (referred June 20), for leave to construct a bulkhead opening at 172-173 State St., Wd. 6.

T. H. Bailey (referred Dec. 5), for leave to replace the treguard and sign, corner Tremont and Dartmouth Sts.

William F. Hyde (referred Oct. 17), for leave to stand a wagon in the roadway in front of 5 Appleton St., from 6 P. M. to 6 A. M.

Richard Roach (referred Aug. 1), for permission to sell temperance drinks from wagon in Park St. and vicinity.

Philip Weiss (referred Feb. 15), for leave to maintain a stand for the sale of candy, etc., in City Hall Ave.

George B. Colby (referred April 18), for leave to stand a lunch cart in Hayes Sq., Wd. 3.

George B. Kelley (referred Apr. 18), for leave to maintain a night lunch cart in Union Park St., opposite Penny Savings Bank, between 7 P. M. and 6 A. M.

J. Searle Holland (referred Apr. 11), for leave to place a sign on a tree at 38 Elm St., Wd. 3.

Martin E. Foye (referred May 9), for leave to maintain a bootblack stand in City Hall ave.

John Gallagher (referred Sept. 26), for leave to maintain a night lunch wagon at junction Francis and Tremont sts. and Huntington ave.

S. Vorenberg & Co. (referred last year), for leave to erect an iron post, with a clock thereon at 87 Hanover St., Wd. 6.

George O. Fogg (referred Feb. 1), for leave to project an illuminated sign at 335 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Martin E. Foley (referred Jan. 2), for leave to maintain a bootblack stand in City Hall ave.

George A. Carpenter (referred June 13), for leave to construct areas in sidewalk at 1-3 West st., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted.

(5) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred Nov. 7), recommending the passage of an order authorizing the penal institutions commissioner to sell the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"—that the said order ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed. Message and order sent down.

(6) Reports recommending the passage of the following:

Order (referred July 11) requesting the superintendent of streets to place hand-rails on the wall on the subway under South St., Wd. 23.

Order (referred in 1902) relative to putting in condition North Mead St., Wd. 4.

Reports severally accepted. erally passed.

(7) Reports (that no action is necessary) on the following:

Message of the Mayor (referred last year) transmitting request of School Committee for use of ward room, Wd. 8.

Petitions for leave to store and keep for sale petroleum and its products, as follows:

John O'Brien (referred in 1895), at 71 Lynde St., Charlestown.

Clark & Mahoney (referred in 1895), at 77 Saratoga St.

Frederick Bleiler (referred in 1895), at 77 Minden St., Wd. 19.

Fred. H. Young (referred in 1895), at 23 Massachusetts Ave., Wd. 11.

Mary Burke (referred in 1895), at 13 Paul St., Wd. 9.

Reports severally accepted

(8) Report on message of the mayor and ordinance (referred in 1903), amending Revised Ordinances of 1898 by consolidating the Lamp Dept. with the Street Dept., recommending reference to the Committee on Lamp Dept.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(9) Report on petition of Andrew H. Peters et als. (referred May 16) for an entrance for pedestrians to the Peters Hill section of the Arboretum, recommending reference to the Committee on Finance to provide the means.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(10) Reports on veto messages of the Mayor, recommending that the vetoes be sustained, and that the messages be placed on file, viz.:

Message (referred today) vetoing permit to Scott & Garson to project a sign at 20 Union Park St.

Message (referred Nov. 23), vetoing order for permit to Richard P. Kelley to construct bulkhead at Beach St. side of estate 513 Main St., Wd. 4.

Message (referred Nov. 7), vetoing permission to Augustus M. Hodgdon, M. D.,

to place a sign on a tree at the corner of Sycamore and Ash Sts., Wd. 23.

The reports were accepted, the messages were placed on file, and the question came on again granting permission, the objections of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The board refused to grant permission, and voted to sustain the vetoes of the Mayor, the vote on granting permission being—Yeas 0, nays 11.

(1) Report on petition of George A. Carpenter (referred Oct. 31)—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, that the superintendent of streets be authorized to issue a permit to George A. Carpenter to place, maintain and use patent sidewalk light covers over the present areas under and on the sidewalk in front of estate No. 1 and 3 West St. and 501-9 Washington St., Wd. 7, also two 16-inch coal chutes with iron covers of rough surface, the work to be completed on or before Nov. 15, 1904, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Report accepted; order passed.

CLAIMS.

ALD. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted a report on the petition of David Leahy (referred June 27), for compensation for injury to daughter by being run into by city team—that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Report accepted. Sent down.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

ALD. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the message of the Mayor (referred Feb. 15), transmitting communication from the Commissioner of Wires—recommending that the said message be placed on file.

Report accepted; said message placed on file.

(2) Reports that no action is necessary on the following petitions (severally referred last year):

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles as follows:

In Barry and Hamilton Sts., Wd. 20, five poles.

Three poles on Bernard St., Wd. 20.

Two poles on Alban St., Wd. 24.

In Geneva Ave. and Tonawanda Sts., Wd. 20, six poles.

Four poles on Waldeck St., Wd. 20.

Seven poles on Wheatland Ave., Wd. 20.

Eight poles in Nixon St., Wd. 20.

Eleven poles on Mather St., Wd. 20.

Five poles on Nottingham St., Wd. 20.

Ten poles on Melville Ave., Wd. 20.

Three poles on Ocean St., Wd. 24.

Two poles on Ocean St., Wd. 24.

Nine poles on Oakley St., Wd. 20.

Three poles on Bradlee St., Wd. 20.

Five poles on Dix St., Wd. 24.

In Sedgwick, Everett and Alveston Sts. and Greenough Ave., Wd. 22, 19 poles.

Three poles on Cushing Ave., Wd. 20.

Four poles on Cushing Ave., Wd. 20.

One pole on Munroe St., Wd. 24.

Six poles on Tonawanda St., Wd. 20.

Five poles on Lyon St., Wd. 20.

Twelve poles on King St., Wd. 24.

Four poles on Savin Hill Ave., Wd. 20.

Fourteen poles on Richfield St., Wd. 20.

Four poles on Tuttle Ave., Wd. 20.

Boston Central Labor Union (referred May 16, 1904), that the Board refuse permits for the erection of poles by any company, unless the work is done by citizens of the United States.

Report severally accepted.

(3) Reports recommending that the following petitioners be given leave to withdraw:

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company (referred Oct. 24), for leave to relocate and erect poles, as follows:

Relocate one pole on Main St., Wd. 4.

Erect three poles on Harvard St., Wd. 5.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for leave to erect poles, as follows:

Two poles on Church St., Wd. 20 (referred June 6).

Three poles on Woodville St., Wd. 17 (referred July 11).

Twelve poles on Meridian St., Wd. 2 (referred Sept. 12).

One pole on March Ave., Wd. 23 (referred Oct. 10).

Five poles on Tappan St., Wd. 23 (referred Oct. 10).

One pole on Ashmont St., Wd. 24 (referred Sept. 19).

Four poles on Alban St., Wd. 24 (referred Sept. 19).

Four poles on Central Ave., Wd. 24 (referred June 13).

One pole on Cedar St., Wd. 21 (referred July 11).

One pole on Preble St., Wd. 16 (referred Mar. 14).

One pole on Elmwood St., Wd. 19 (referred June 6).

Two poles on Decatur St., Wd. 2 (referred Aug. 1).

Also to relocate one pole on West Cottage St., Wd. 17 (referred Sept. 26).

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles as follows:

Two poles on Trenton St., Wd. 1 (referred Nov. 14).

Three poles on Millet St., Wd. 20 (referred Nov. 14).

Three poles on Moultrie St., Wd. 20 (referred Nov. 14).

Five poles on Prospect St., Wd. 3 (referred Nov. 21).

Four poles on Weld Hill St., Wd. 23 (referred Nov. 21).

Nine poles on Vermont and Corey Sts., Wd. 23 (referred Sept. 12).

Five poles on Hamilton St., Wd. 20 (referred Sept. 12).

Eleven poles on Maywood St., Wd. 21 (referred Sept. 12).

Eight poles on Milton ave. and Edson St., Wd. 24 (referred Sept. 12).

Three poles on Atherstone St., Wd. 24 (referred Jan. 18).

Four poles on Shafter St., Wd. 20 (referred Oct. 10).

Three poles on Venison St., Wd. 20 (referred Oct. 10).

Five poles on Chamberlain St., Wd. 23 (referred Oct. 10).

Two poles on Greenbrier St., Wd. 20 (referred Oct. 17).

Three poles on Stanton St., Wd. 24 (referred Oct. 17).

Three poles on Alban St., Wd. 24 (referred Oct. 17).

Seven poles on Gleason St., Wd. 20 (referred Oct. 17).

Three poles on Bradlee St., Wd. 20 (referred Oct. 17).

Six poles on West Selden St., Wd. 24 (referred Sept. 19).

Five poles on Glen St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 15).

Six poles on Clarkson St., Wd. 20 (referred Sept. 19).

Six poles on High St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 15).

Five poles on Glendale St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 15).

One pole on Corey St., Wd. 23 (referred Apr. 4).

Two poles on Hancock St., Wd. 20 (referred Mar. 23).

Fourteen poles on Olney St., Wd. 20 (referred Mar. 23).

Three poles on Bird St., Wd. 20 (referred June 13).

Six poles on Glenarm St., Wd. 20 (referred June 6).

Three poles on Midland St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 15).

One pole on Peverell St., Wd. 20 (referred Mar. 28).

Four poles on Bullard St., Wd. 20 (referred Feb. 8).

Thirty-eight poles on Morton St., Wd. 24 (referred April 18).

Three poles on Harvard Ave., Wd. 25 (referred Feb. 1).

Two poles on Amherst St., Wd. 23 (referred Feb. 1).

Five poles on Bentley St., Wd. 25 (referred June 6).

Also for leave to attach its wires to trees, as follows:

One tree on Vine St. and five trees on Forest St., Wd. 17 (referred March 7).

Five trees on G St., Wd. 15 (referred June 6).

Five trees on Cedar St., Roxbury (referred June 13).

Reports severally accepted.

(4) Reports on petitions (severally referred today), for leave to erect poles, attach wires, etc., recommending the passage of orders of notice for hearings thereon on Tuesday Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock P.M., when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard, viz.:

Charlestown Gas & Electric Company, for leave to erect one pole at 90 Green St., Wd. 3.

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect two poles in Princeton St., Wd. 1.

The same company, for leave to erect two poles on Trenton St., Wd. 1.

Brookline Gaslight Co. and the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., that the first-named company be allowed to attach wires, etc., to three poles of the second-named company on Ashford St., and one pole at corner Ashford and Chester Sts., Wd. 25.

Reports severally accepted; orders of notice passed.

(5) Report on the petition of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Mass. (recommitted today)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow attachment of, and to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., to attach the wires of said company to four poles of said gas light company on Oak Square ave., Wd. 25, in such manner as the Wire Commissioner may approve; said poles being shown by white dots on a plan dated Oct. 13, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Reports on petitions of the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston (recommitted Aug. 1, Nov. 21 and 28, respectively) recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:

Ambrose St., between Dearborn St. and Orchard Park, Wd. 17, three poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 5 feet; date of plan, July 9, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chap. 38, Sect. 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898. The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place

and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:

Southern Ave., between Talbot Ave. and Millet St., Wd. 24, four poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, Nov. 7, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:

Mozart St., Wd. 22, 2 poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 45 feet by 15 inches; date of plan, Nov. 11, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders severally passed, under a suspension of the rule.

PROJECTIONS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.) submitted the following:

(1) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project awnings, etc., as follows:

West End Street Railway Co. (referred Dec. 5), an awning as a shelter for passengers on Washington St., at Oak Sq., Wd. 25.

Trustees under will of D. W. Williams (referred Nov. 14), two permanent awnings, one at 24 Blackstone St. and the other at junction of Blackstone and Clinton Sts., Wd. 6.

President and fellows of Harvard College (referred Dec. 12), a marquise at 407-411 Washington St., Wd. 7.

George W. MacBride (referred Oct. 10), a permanent awning, at 15 Dock Sq., Wd. 6.

Henry B. Williams (referred Nov. 14), 14 balconies, at 73 Hemenway St., to project over said street and the Fens, Wd. 10.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports recommending that leave be granted to project signs, etc., in accordance with the following petitions (severally referred today, unless otherwise stated):

Wonders' Associates, a transparency, at 115 Sumner St., Wd. 2.

Con Keefe, an electric sign, at 8-10 Cambridge St., Wd. 6.

E. Percy Olive, a frame for photographic printing, at 101 Friend St., Wd. 6.

Goodman-Leavitt-Yatter Company, an illuminated sign at 34½ Washington St., Wd. 7.

William T. Reilly, an electric sign, at 724 Washington St., Wd. 7.

John E. Breslin & Co., an illuminated sign, at 189 Blackstone St., Wd. 6.

William C. Gregor, an illuminated sign, at 355 Washington St., Wd. 7.

L. D. Greene, an illuminated sign at 29-31 Pearl St., Wd. 7.

Emerson & Co., two signs, 299 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Hymen B. Birnbach, a sign, at 1048-1050 Washington St., Wd. 9.

Frank A. Hawes, a sign, at 113A Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

Lydon Bros., an illuminated sign at 121-123 Broadway, Wd. 13.

William T. J. Cogswell, three barber poles, at 92 P St., Wd. 14.

D. J. Keefe & Co., an electric sign, at 109 Dartmouth St., Wd. 10.

James Nagle & Co., an electric sign, at 799 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Tosi & Tebaldi, an illuminated sign, at 2-4 Faneuil Hall Sq., Wd. 6.

George H. Page, an illuminated sign, at 8 West Springfield St., Wd. 12.

W. J. Anderson (referred Dec. 5), an electric sign, at 1729 Washington St., Wd. 12.

The Welsbach Light Co. of N. E. (referred Dec. 5), a 4-light gas arc lamp, at 68 Franklin St., Wd. 7.

The John Henry Co. (referred Dec. 5), an illuminated sign, at 398 Atlantic Ave., Wd. 7.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for permits for children under fifteen years of age to appear at various theatres—that permits be granted, viz.:

G. H. Batcheller, for permit for Ralph LeClair to appear at Lyceum Theatre for one week beginning Dec. 12.

Henry W. Savage, for permit for Carl Heindl, et als., to appear at the Tremont Theatre for four weeks, beginning Dec. 19.

George W. Magee, Manager, for permit for Ethel Hawkins to appear at the Grand Opera House during the week beginning Dec. 19.

Reports severally accepted. Permits granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for licenses for Sunday concerts at various places—that licenses be granted, viz.:

Columbia Benevolent Association, Sunday evening concert at the Columbia Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 18, 1904.

Boston Emergency Hospital, Sunday concert at Grand Opera House on Sunday evening, Dec. 11.

Musicians' Aid Society, for Sunday concert at Symphony Hall on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Union General Hospital, for Sunday concerts at the Mechanics building on the evenings of Dec. 25, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905.

Reports severally accepted; licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Report on petition of Samuel Sidman (referred Nov. 7), for license for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of Boston Automobile Dealers Association, Inc. (referred today), for a license for an exhibition of automobile and motor boats at Mechanics building for one week beginning March 1, 1905—that a license be granted.

Reports accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on the petition of Samuel Sidman (referred today) for a license

for musical, literary, dramatic and dancing entertainments at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St., for two weeks, beginning Dec. 14—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(6) Report on petition of D. G. Harlow (referred today), for leave to exhibit two live moose at 122 Court St., for two weeks beginning Dec. 12—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

PAYMENTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Ald. O'TOOLE offered an order—That the City Treasurer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the payment on Saturday, Dec. 24, of employees on weekly payrolls who are usually paid on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Passed. Sent down.

TRIMMING OF TREES.

Ald. BROMBERG, for Ald. BALDWIN, offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to trim two trees in front of 308 Third St., and one tree in front of 162 K St., the expense of the same to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed.

COASTING ON CERTAIN STREETS

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, in the following named streets:

City Proper

Branch, Allen, Brighton, Spring, Poplar, North Grove, South Russell, Bilerica, Cooper, Pitts, Norman, North Margin, Hull, Charter, Sheafe, Myrtle and North Bennet Sts., Chambers St. between Poplar and Spring Sts. and Albany St. from Way St. to Dover St.

East Boston

Princeton, Jeffries, Cottage, Sumner, Monmouth, Trenton, Brooks, Horace, Lamson and Breed Sts.

South Boston.

East Third st. between I and M sts., East Third st. between N and P sts., East Fourth st. between G and Atlantic sts., East Fifth st. between I and K sts., West Fifth st. between Dorchester and E sts., West Sixth st. between Dorchester and E sts., East Seventh st. between G and H sts., East Broadway between N and O sts., F st. between West Third and West First sts., M street between East Third and East First sts., Silver st. between C and Dorchester sts., Linden and Pacific sts., Dorchester st., Third st. to water front.

Roxbury.

Alpine, Circuit, Gaston, Walden, Holborn, Wait, Langdon, Clarence, Shirley, Ambrose, Magnolia, Seaver, Bainbridge, Hazelwood, Belden, Hillside, Haskins, Laurel, Dewey, Norfolk, Fairland, Wyoming, Cheney, Intervale and Fountain sts., Westminster and Woodward aves., Hartford and Brookford sts., crossing Howard ave., Moreland st. east of Blue Hill ave., Forest st. between Vine st. and Mt. Pleasant ave., and Whiting st. between Warren and Moreland sts.

West Roxbury.

Adelaide, Boylston, Egleston, Oakdale, Kittredge, Newbern, Rockview, Fairfield, Walnut Hill, Birch, Walk Hill, Rockwood, Ridge, Florence, Walter and Cornwall Sts., Peter Parley Rd., Belmore Ter., Chestnut, Anawan and Metropolitan Aves., Spring Park Ave., between Enfield St., and Chestnut Ave., LaGrange St., between Shaw and Centre Sts., and Washington St., between the car house and Albano St.

Brighton.

Newton, Union, Foster, Everett, Hobart, Saunders, Leicester, Murdock, Pomeroy, Parsons, Mansfield, Faneuil, Brooks, Dustin, Ridgemont and Washington Sts., and Bigelow St., at its easterly end.

Charlestown.

High, Walker, Cordis, Pleasant, Adams, Soley, Bunker Hill, Baldwin, Eden, Lexington, Monument, Mead, Oak, Walnut, Auburn and Pearl Sts.

Dorchester.

Westville, Pope's Hill, Richfield, Train, Mognolia, Maxwell, Dix, Norton, Sumner, Bellevue, Trull, Ashmont and Wales Sts., Park St between Washington St. and Dorchester Ave., Cushing and Lawrence Aves., Grampian Way, West Cottage St. between Blue Hill Ave. and Dudley St., and Woodland Ave. and Denny St., crossing Savin Hill Ave.
Passed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That when this board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., and that hearings under orders of notice assigned to a prior day be postponed accordingly.
Passed.

PAYMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That His Honor the Mayor be hereby requested by this board to direct the City Treasurer to make the necessary arrangements for the payment of election officers before Christmas day, and to keep the Treasurer's office open on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24, for that purpose if necessary.

Passed.

SKATING, COTTAGE ST. PLAYGROUND

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested through His Honor the Mayor to have the Cottage-St. Playground, Wd. 2, flooded and put in condition for skating purposes during the present winter season.

Passed. Sent down.

PAYMENT TO ADVERTISER.

Ald. WHELTON offered an order—That the city auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the city auditor to pay, the Advertiser Newspaper Company the sum of four thousand eighty-three and 33-100 dollars (\$4083.33), in full payment for publishing the proceedings of the City Council from June 1, 1904, to Oct. 27, 1904; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

Passed. Sent down.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

Ald WHELTON moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail. Lost.

The Board voted at 8.10 o'clock P.M., on motion of Ald. BROMBERG, to adjourn to meet on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 3 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 7.45 o'clock P.M., President Dolan in the chair.

LIGHTING OF WD. 9 PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston Mass.

Dec. 22, 1904.

To the Common Council:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order, asking them to furnish electric lights for the Wd. 9 Playground. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks, Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dec. 21, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston:

Dear Sir—We have received the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting that electric lights be furnished for Wd. 9 Playground during the winter season.

On account of the heavy charges for equipment by the electric light company, and the small balance of our appropriation left in our hands, we cannot comply with this request, for this reason.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

POINT OF ORDER.

Mr. MANCOVITZ of Wd. 8—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that a quorum is not present.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will request the members to rise and remain standing until counted.

The members did as requested, and it appeared that there were 33 members present, and the point of order was ruled not well taken, a quorum being present.

SKATING ON COLUMBUS-AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Dec. 22, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Chairman of the Park Commission in answer to your order asking that the Columbus-Avenue Playground be flooded and put in condition for skating. Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks,

Jamaica Plain, Dec. 21, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir:—We have received the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting that the Columbus-Avenue Playground be put in condition for skating.

On account of the work of building a retaining wall and regrading the ground, we shall not be able to flood the Playground for skating this season.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in answer to an order of the City Council, stating that the grade of Marcella-street Playground will not permit of flooding for skating purposes, and the low state of the appropriation for Park Department prevents the flooding of Washington-street Playground. The Roslindale and Billings Field Playgrounds have been prepared and are being used by skaters.

Placed on file.

2. Mayor's message transmitting a communication from the penal institutions commissioner, stating that the "Monitor," the new steamer designed to take the place of the "J. Putnam Bradlee," is now in commission, and that the department therefore has no further use for the latter. The passage of the following order is recommended in said message:

Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be authorized to sell, at public auction or otherwise, with the approval of the Mayor, the old steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"; the "Monitor," the new steamer designed to take the place of the "Bradlee," being now in commission.

The message was placed on file. Mr. Bell of Wd. 20 moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "otherwise," the following words: "at the best terms obtainable."

The amendment was adopted, and the order as amended passed. Sent up for concurrence.

3. Report of Committee on Claims on petition of David Leahy, referred June 27, 1904, for compensation for injury to daughter by being run into by city team leave to withdraw.

Accepted in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the city treasurer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the payment on Saturday, Dec. 24, of employees on weekly payrolls who are usually paid on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Passed in concurrence.

5. Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to have the Cottage-St. Playground, Wd. 2, flooded and put in condition for skating purposes during the present winter season.

Passed in concurrence.

6. Ordered, That the city auditor be authorized to allow for payment, and the city treasurer to pay the Advertiser Newspaper Company, the sum of four thousand eighty-three and 33-100 dollars (\$4,083.33) in full payment for publishing the proceedings of the City Council from June 1, 1904, to Oct. 27, 1904; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

Passed in concurrence.

PUBLISHING OF LIST OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

The Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred (Dec. 1) the ordinance providing for the publication of a list of the employees of the city, having considered the subject, respectfully report that the said ordinance, in the form submitted, would be, in the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, contrary to the provisions of the charter amendments of 1885, and the committee accordingly recommend the passage of the ordinance in the accompanying new draft, being identical with the ordinance recommended by the Mayor, and submitted to the Board of Aldermen.

An Ordinance Providing for the Publication of a List of City Employees.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1, Chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

"Section 27. Each officer in charge of a department shall, on or before the fifth day of May, in each year, prepare and furnish to the mayor lists of the officials and employees of the city, employed in his department on the 30th day of April preceding. Such lists shall be arranged by divisions and districts, and shall give the names, residences, designations of, compensation of, and date of election or appointment of, each of such officials and employees; and it shall be the duty of the city auditor to verify the said lists from the payrolls."

Section 2, Chapter 31 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding, at the end of the second section thereof, the following:

"He shall also print, on or before the first day of June in each year, a city document containing the lists of officials and employees of the city, referred to in Section 27 of Chapter 3."

The report was accepted, the ordinance was read a second time, and the question came on its passage

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I would like to offer a substitute order. Mr. Wood offered the following:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows: The City Auditor shall cause to be printed and published within the month of May and within the month of October in each year a list of all officials and employees employed in any of the departments, bureaus or offices of the City Government, who have been or have become such officials or employees during the preceding 6 months. Said list shall contain name, residence by street and number, nature of position or service, civil service rating, if any, date of entrance into the service or employment, when possible, date of cessation of such service or employment, if such has occurred during such period, salary or wages, and a distinct statement of the decrease or increase thereof during said period of each of said officials or employees. It shall be the duty of heads of departments or bureaus, or offices not under a department, to furnish the City Auditor everything required to be inserted therein. It shall be the duty of the City Auditor to supervise the publication of said lists, and on or before the first days of June and Nov. respectively in each year, to certify to the Treasurer of the City of Boston that the several lists so required to be furnished to him by the said heads of departments, bureaus or offices, have been furnished to him by said heads of departments, bureaus or offices, and the Treasurer is hereby forbidden to pay the salary of said head of department, bureau or office, who has not furnished such list until he has received such certificate. The City Auditor shall have the power to make requisitions in writing upon the heads of departments to furnish the information necessary to make up such lists according to the rules prescribed and printed by him; and such information must be supplied by the department within 10 days after requisition. He shall have the power to require such information in the same manner, every three months, and all other information in the control of said heads of departments, necessary to perform his duties, under this ordinance. He shall include in his list the number of laborers, designating the departments in which they are employed, and, if practicable, the number employed in

the prosecution of specific work, and the amounts paid them.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I offer this substitute order as I feel that if the names are to be published at all they should cover a period that will include in the published payrolls all the men who have been employed and not those employed any specific day or within a short period. It is easily to be seen by the reported ordinance that it only calls for those employed a certain day. No one has any fear of the men who are employed the year, around, but there does come a question as to those employed for a short time, as in certain cases where bills have been offered for their wages at the end of the week or the month, and their names have not appeared on the payroll. If the report is to be worth anything, it should be complete, and the only way that we can have a complete list or show where the amount that is spent each year goes is to have a list which shows where every dollar that shows on the payrolls is spent. The payrolls have increased enough in the last five years, so that it should be of interest to every one, and especially to the taxpayers, to know where the money goes. The argument has been advanced, or was advanced in answer to what I have said on previous occasions, that there are no more men employed at the present time than there were under the former administration, when there was only about ten million dollars used in payrolls. If that is the fact, certainly a list which will include a statement of where every dollar goes will show the cause—and the necessity, if it exists—of spending at least three million dollars more than was spent four years ago. It is in stopping these alarming increases in all departments that such reports will be of benefit to the taxpayers. It has been shown, by the interest taken by the public and by the newspaper reports, that a list made out at the beginning of the year certainly does not cover what is required and what is asked for by the advocates of this measure. I have no doubt that if the ordinance is passed the Mayor will do as he has said, and will stand behind this list and see that it is published. But that is not what we are looking at or what is required. The heads of the departments who are responsible to the mayor should be held down to this point—giving a full report and showing where the money is spent. We all know that men are taken on for a short time, and they would not come under the ordinance as reported here by the committee. There has been proof enough shown, not only by the recent exposures, but by exposures that happened in years gone by under both administrations, that a list such as this would be of great benefit to the citizens in placing men and finding out the real facts about them. It has been the case, for instance, very recently, that a large number of men in a certain department have been employed, or have drawn pay, whom it has been clearly shown were not connected with the department at all, except on salary day, when they collected the money. The trouble with the expense account of the city is not, as a great many have been led to believe, in the amount of the loans which have been offered and put through the city government each year, but the principal question which arises is this, whether the amounts of money raised by taxation, etc., amounting to over twenty million dollars, are spent as they should be spent. No one who believes in an honest government should oppose any publicity that can

be given, which will show where the city's money goes, and who receives it. I don't believe any one who is employed by the city, who is giving his time for what he receives, can in any way object to having such a list published, and certainly if the list is published it should give a full report of each man's rating and the salary he receives. This is done by all the smaller cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth and is done by many of the larger cities throughout the United States, and has been for some time, and no trouble, so far as I know, has ever been caused by it. It certainly gives no one any better opportunity to bother or in any way make trouble for any employee who is drawing his salary than is possible in the case of individuals by various ways at the present time. The ways of finding out about a man, by one who wants to make an individual investigation of different cases, to find out whether a man is working for the city and what he is getting, are always open to those who want to pursue them. But the object we should have in view is to show to every one, without the necessity of coming to the hall and making requests of the heads of departments or of the City Auditor, who is receiving the money and where it goes. I feel that if this list is published, it should be published in such a way as to give a clear, concise statement such as I have outlined; not merely giving the list on a certain day, when it can just as well be arranged so as to make it complete and satisfactory to every one. I hope the substitute will be adopted.

Mr. PIERCE of Wd. 11 offered the following as a substitute for the substitute ordinance:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston as follows:

Section 1, Chapter 3, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

Section 27. Each officer in charge of a department shall, on or before the fifth day of May in each year, prepare and furnish to the Statistics Trustees lists of the officials and employees of the city employed in his department during the twelve months ending on the 30th day of April preceding. Such lists shall be arranged alphabetically by divisions and districts, and shall give the names, residences by ward, street and number, ages, designations of, total compensation of and date of election or appointment of, each of such officials and employees; and it shall be the duty of the city auditor to verify the said lists from the payrolls.

Section 1, Chapter 37 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "It shall compile and publish on or before the first day of June in each year a city document containing the lists of officials and employees of the city, referred to in Section 27 of Chapter 3."

The question came on the substitution of the ordinance offered by Mr. Pierce.

Mr. PIERCE—Mr. President, it is needless to say that the action of the Mayor in sending his draft of an ordinance for the publication of the payrolls to the City Council gives me a somewhat peculiar pleasure. The changes which he has made in the order introduced by the gentleman from Wd. 3 are very gratifying. I am loath to offer any criticisms of the ordinance submitted by him; but I have offered only such criticisms as are in harmony with the Mayor's purpose, as expressed in his message to the City Council. He wishes us to "look into every nook and cranny"; and it is for that reason that I have offered certain strengthening amendments. In the first

place, as I explained at the last meeting, I think the age is very important—first, as a means of identification, and, second, as the basis for devising some scheme of compulsory old-age insurance. I also think that the Statistics Department should do the work. The department was formed for the purpose of doing just this kind of work, and the ordinances show that that department already has the power to compile and publish these lists. To be sure, the department has not the power to make requisitions on the other departments for information, and it is for that reason, and for that reason alone, that an ordinance is necessary—in order to allow the Statistics Department to do this work. The Statistics Department will do the work in a proper spirit. It will approach the work in a sympathetic way. For that reason, I think that department should do the work. I may say here that several prominent supporters of the Mayor have requested me to make this suggestion tonight—that the Statistics Department do the work. I also have put in a provision for the publication of the names of all the men who have been on the payrolls during the 12 months preceding April 30. I think, in order to make this list really effective, that provision is necessary, because it needs only a very simple device on the part of those who are keeping men improperly on the payrolls to make this publication almost worthless. The men who are improperly on the payrolls are there by the connivance of their immediate superiors; and their immediate superiors will take care that on the 30th day of April the men whom we are gunning for shall not be on the list. They can discharge, under the ordinance as drawn by His Honor, all those who are improperly on the list on the 29th day of April, and can put them back again on the first day of May. Of course, they will not do that, for it will be too easy to discover what they have done. They will begin two or three months prior to that date, and will work them off gradually; and then, after that, they will work them on gradually again. It is evident that it is of vital importance that this amendment should be adopted. I wish to say that, in case the amendment is not adopted, I shall be very glad to vote for the Mayor's ordinance; but if we want a measure which is seventy-five per cent effective, and not twenty-five per cent effective, we will vote for this amendment.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President, there has been presented tonight an ordinance which has come from His Honor the Mayor, and two amendments to that ordinance—both presented by estimable gentlemen, but I doubt if there is any member of the Council, outside of those two men, who can remember the wording of those particular amendments to the ordinance. Therefore, Mr. President, I move that those two amendments, together with the original ordinance, be printed as a city document, and be furnished to the members in time for the next meeting; and I move that the whole matter lie on the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The question came on the motion to assign the matter until the next meeting.

Mr. HOURIN of Wd. 22—Mr. President, I rise to a point of order that a quorum is not present.

By direction of the President, the Clerk called the roll to ascertain the attendance, with the following result:

Present—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Cook, Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Ewell, Ferber, Fitzgerald (3),

Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Higgins, Kelley, Lacey, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Pierce, Price, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Warner, Wood—46.

Absent—Barrett, Barry, Carter, Colbert, Collins (4), Conway (3), Conway (23), Coughlin, Dalton, Eagan, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Leavitt, McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKie, Murray, Newton, Rachkowsky, Reagan, Richardson, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15), Williams—29.

More than a quorum being found to be present, the question came on assignment.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, I hope this ordinance and the amendments will not be assigned. There is but one more meeting of the Common Council, and all the members present know what the last meeting of the council is. We also know that next Thursday night this ordinance will come before us with the amendments, in printed form, and, as I understand it, this year there is no meeting of the Board of Aldermen after next Thursday. I do not consider, Mr. President, either, that it is an honest way to try to block legislation for a member to rise here and raise the point of whether there is a quorum present, and then leave the chamber while the roll-call is being taken, and not go on record. I hope, Mr. President, that this ordinance and the amendments thereto will not be assigned; and I hope that the ordinance, in some form, will be passed tonight.

The motion to assign further consideration of the matter until the next meeting was lost, and the question came on the adoption of the substitute ordinance offered by Mr. Pierce of Ward 11.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I do not think that there is any necessity of discussing either of the substitutes at length. They are both open to the objections that have been made to the ordinance offered by the gentleman in the first division (Mr. Pierce) before. The first substitute, offered by the member in the first division (Mr. Wood) is illegal and contrary to the provisions of the Charter, for the same reason that the proposed ordinance introduced by the member in the third division (Mr. Pierce) was contrary to those provisions. They both provide for the publication of a great deal of detail, which, it seems to me, is not warranted. It is a practical question how far this publication shall go into detail. You can go into detail far enough to make the publication so cumbersome that it will become practically useless. On the other hand, you can make it such information as will give the best practical results. It seems to me, Mr. President, that the publication provided for in the ordinance accompanying the report of the committee—and which is the ordinance recommended by His Honor the Mayor—comes as nearly to striking that "happy medium" as anything that has been suggested, and, I venture to say, as anything that may be suggested. For instance, both of the substitutes provide for the publication of the civil service rating. According to the rules of the Civil Service Commission, each laborer who is taken from their lists must be employed on the work coming under his classification for three months, and there is no restriction after that time. For that reason, Mr. President, I believe that the publication of the civil service rating will mislead in some cases more than it will furnish information. For those reasons, Mr. President, I believe that the ordinance

recommended by the committee should be passed, and that the substitutes be defeated.

The question was put on the adoption of Mr. Pierce's substitute ordinance, and it was rejected, the vote on adopting it being:

Yeas—Abbott, Bell, Cook, Ferber, Higgins, Lacey, MacLoud, McKinney, McKnight, Patterson, Pierce, Simms, Stalker, Warner, Wood—15.

Nays—Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Hourin, Kelley, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKirdy, McMackin, Moynihan, Price, Reagan, Spillane, Sullivan (9)—35.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Carter, Colbert, Collins (12), Collins (4), Conway (23), Coughlin, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Jepson, Leavitt, McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKie, Murray, Newton, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Sullivan (15), Williams—24.

The question was then put on the adoption of the substitute ordinance offered by Mr. Wood of Wd. 20, and it was rejected.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance recommended by the Committee on Ordinances.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21 moved to amend by striking out the word "on" and inserting in place thereof the words "during the year closing."

The question came on the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. COOK of Wd. 21—Mr. President, I believe in offering this amendment that I am acting in the spirit of the ordinance drafted by His Honor the Mayor. I believe that the omission which I propose to supply here is accidental; that simply allowing the payroll to be cleared up by the 30th of April and then publishing it is not in the spirit of the ordinance nor in the spirit of the wishes of His Honor the Mayor. It seems to me that this is merely a perfecting amendment, and one that should receive the support of every member of this Council, irrespective of party affiliations.

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3—Mr. President, I can hardly believe that the member who has taken his seat has read the message of the Mayor. If he has, he would know that what the Mayor says is a complete answer to the substitute which he offers—that the addition of those names would make the publication, as I have suggested before, more cumbersome and less useful, and that those who desire that information can get it from the proper authorities, by whom it will be cheerfully given.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

The PRESIDENT—The question is, shall the main question be now put?

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20—Mr. President, I hope the previous question will not be put at this time. It seems to me that this might be debated here for at least a few minutes, so that we might find out about this cumbersome element that has been referred to. That is what the citizens of Boston are trying to get at. That cumbersome part will cover just such cases as the transfer of some 300 men from the South End yard before the investigation of the Superintendent of Streets and the other exposures that have been made in the last few days. That is just the part that the citizens of Boston want to get at.

The main question was ordered by a rising vote, 31 members in favor, 11 against.

The PRESIDENT—The question now comes on the amendment offered by Mr. Cook of Wd. 21.

Mr. PRICE of Wd. 23—Mr. President, The PRESIDENT—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. PRICE—Mr. President, I was going to respectfully doubt the vote and ask for a verification.

The PRESIDENT—The Chair will state that the gentleman is too late now.

The amendment was declared lost. Mr. Cook doubted the vote and asked for a verification by yeas and nays.

The Chair requesting a rising vote, to ascertain whether the body desired the yeas and nays taken, but nine members appeared to be in favor of ordering the roll call.

The PRESIDENT—It appearing on the last roll call that fifty members are present and only nine members having joined in a request for the yeas and nays, the Chair will rule that the yeas and nays are not ordered on the amendment, less than one-fifth of the members having united in the request. The question comes on the passage of the ordinance recommended by His Honor the Mayor.

The ordinance, as reported by the committee, was adopted, yeas 50, nays 2.

Yeas—Abbott, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Cadogan, Callahan, Collins (12), Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Cook, Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Bernard, Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Gethro, Gleason, Good, Grady, Higgins, Kelley, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Manco vitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Pierce, Reagan, Simms, Spillane, Stalker, Sullivan (9), Warner, Wood—50.

Nays—Hourin, Price—2.
Absent or not voting—Barrett, Barry, Carter, Colbert, Conway (23), Coughlin, Dalton, Fay, Fitzgerald (5), Graumann, Hanley, Harrington, Jepson, McDonald (4), McGonagle, McKie, Murray, Newton, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Sullivan (15), Williams—19.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

WOODEN BUILDINGS.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20, for the Committee on Building Department, submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of W. P. Stone (referred Nov. 14)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to W. P. Stone to build, outside the

building limits, a wooden addition to building on 175-179 West First St., Wd. 13, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for platform and elevator, main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

(2) Report on the petition of Patrick H. Graham (referred Sept. 12)—Recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Patrick H. Graham to place a wooden building adjoining another wooden building at 12 Ewer St., Wd. 15, making a range in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes; main building occupied for the same purpose.

Report accepted, order passed. Sent up.

PHILLIPS STATUE.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the Art Commission, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to consider the expediency of erecting a memorial or statue of John Phillips, the first Mayor of Boston, and to report to the Common Council a suitable location for the same.

Referred to the Mayor.

NEXT MEETING.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That when this Council adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1904, at 4 o'clock P.M.

Passed.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS LYONS ST.

Mr. HIGGINS of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Board of Park Commissioners, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to place electric lights on the Lyons street end of Franklin Field for the convenience of skaters.

Referred to the Mayor.

Adjourned at 8.59 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. McKnight of Wd. 21, to meet on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 4 o'clock P. M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 o'clock, P. M., Chairman Doyle presiding. Absent—Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. Bresnahan, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

JURORS DRAWN.

Thirty traverse jurors for the Superior Criminal Court, Jan. 9, were drawn in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 514, Acts of 1894, viz.:

William J. Estey, Wd. 20; Asa B. Lamsell, Wd. 7; Amory A. Lawrence, Wd. 11; Theodore Lenz, Wd. 23; John J. Kilroy, Wd. 19; Bernard Johnson, Wd. 16; James L. Corr, Wd. 16; George F. Bowen, Wd. 3; John N. Chute, Wd. 10; Arthur Robbins, Wd. 24; Fred R. Baker, Wd. 12; William C. Brooks, Wd. 24; Michael L. Beckler, Wd. 22; William T. Cole, Wd. 14; Thomas Dunn, Wd. 17; Jeremiah J. McCarthy, Wd. 12; Edward Stebbins, Wd. 20; Thomas F. Curran, Wd. 19; James J. Driscoll, Wd. 13; John Shields, Wd. 6; William J. Pope, Wd. 16; George J. Rahl, Wd. 17; Charles E. Deland, Wd. 22; John T. Rawlins, Wd. 19; Edward C. Brown, Wd. 25; Robie N. Miller, Wd. 20; John L. Mitchell, Wd. 16; Thomas J. Quigley, Wd. 2; Everett L. Carr, Wd. 7; James F. Morley, Wd. 17.

FREIGHT RAILWAY—EAST BOSTON—VETO.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.
Dec. 27, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I return without my approval your order of Dec. 19, current, granting to the "Massachusetts Wharf Trust, Incorporated," permission to construct, maintain and operate a railroad for the transportation of freight through and over nearly two miles of the public streets of Boston.

I am compelled to ask your reconsideration of the order for the following (among other) reasons:

(1) The permit does not follow the prayer of the petition, which calls for a "spur track" (a "spur track" from what main line?), while the permit gives the petitioner a main line nearly two miles long, with numerous "spurs" across the streets and sidewalks, over which the present and future passenger and team traffic must pass.

(2) The franchise proposed to be granted puts no limit on the number of cars nor the hours when they may run. Pious expressions at the hearings of the good intention of the company to bind no one and insure nothing. If the cars are to be run but a few hours at night, it must be "nominated in the bond."

(3) The route of this proposed railway is mainly through two streets, owned by all the people and dedicated to their common use; each street about fifty feet wide, including sidewalks, and between curbs but thirty feet wide. On almost all of one side of these

streets are residences, and at one end of the proposed system of transportation the tracks are indicated to run around the four sides of a block, purely residential and occupied by more than six hundred persons.

(4) On Aug. 1 last, your Board granted to the West End Street Railway Company a location for double tracks over a large part of this route, namely: from Eagle Sq. "to the dividing lines between the cities of Boston and Chelsea." Is it intended by the late order that a third track shall be laid by this company between the two tracks of the West End Street Railway Company for a third of a mile in a narrow street, or is it assumed that some arrangement, unknown to the city, is made between the two companies? There must be no mystery in a public grant.

(5) At the other end of the route—from Sumner St. to Central Sq.—the narrow thoroughfare is frequently congested, both on the sidewalks and in the carriage way, and blocks are frequent even now. At times, the ferry passengers and other persons, together with the teams, congest the street as much as Washington st. is congested at certain hours of the day. Is it proposed to add to this choked section of the street a permanent surface and freight track? Would it not be a menace to life and limb?

(6) On the east side of the street the property is owned and occupied for residential purposes, nearly all of the families happily numbering children, and all interested in that property object to the disturbance of their right to live in peace, subject only to the ordinary use of the thoroughfare. They rightfully insist that their property and peace will be injured by the proposed concession, and in this contention I agree. If they are to be damaged in some way, they should be compensated in some way, also; but no provision is made for it in this order.

(7) If this franchise—to use some two miles of the public property indefinitely—is valuable, let it be paid for; the payment might take expression in compensating the people whose property is depreciated, and, if the railway be regarded as a public necessity or convenience, compensation might take expression in a contribution to the public treasury; or, better still, in both ways. Those who occupy the public property for their own convenience or gain should pay in some way for the ground they occupy, and for the inconvenience to which they put others who are not themselves directly involved in the benefit. The time has come when the public should exact from every company or individual seeking the use of public property the value of the privilege sought, and all the money should find its way into the city treasury, in excess of that which compensates persons directly damaged.

(8) The people of East Boston have been for years agitating for the abolition of existing grade crossings, and they have been finally successful in removing a great obstacle to their economic progress; and their right to object to this new imposition must be conceded and respected. The grade crossings proposed by your order are even more dangerous than those to be soon abolished on the island at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it would be absurd to go backward to the inconvenience and dangers that the people have striven to escape.

(9) The applicant for this permit is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware. We know nothing about it, and never can know very much; but if it be the best kind of foreign corporation, it may be seriously doubted

whether you have any legal right to give it a franchise in the public streets of Boston. In the case of Commonwealth vs. Boston (97 Mass., 555), the judgment was that under the statutes only a domestic corporation should be granted such rights. This was a telegraph case, but it states the principle. If citizens of Boston want a franchise such as you have voted, it would be merely decent for them to organize under the liberal laws of this Commonwealth, and pay their proportion of the public burden that the citizens are carrying, instead of organizing in a foreign jurisdiction and paying a nominal sum, if any, for their existence. Public franchises, when reasonable and required by public convenience, should be granted to our own people, organized under our own laws and paying our own franchise and local taxes; but no franchise to use the public property should ever be granted without full compensation to individuals directly injured by its exercise, and, as well, a contribution to the support of the public burden. Moreover, every railway corporation, small or large, operating here must be subject to the supervision and control of the Railroad Commissioners of Massachusetts.

(10) There are many other ways to get the transportation advantage for the people doing business on the water front of East Boston along the proposed route. Among others, I suggest that the railway might easily be contrived to run along the heads of the docks and wharves outside the line of the street. It might cost the company or the promoters a little more; but the public should be protected. At all events, the public interest is what you and I are here to protect. Those engaged in commercial enterprises can be trusted to protect themselves.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

APPROVAL OF BRIDGE PLANS

The following was received:

Mayor's Office, Boston, Mass.

Dec. 27, 1904.

To the Board of Aldermen:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the Acting Secretary of War enclosing an instrument approving the general plans and location of the proposed Brookline Street Bridge, which is to replace the present Essex Street Bridge, across the Charles River.

I recommend that these documents be placed in the files of the City Clerk.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

War Department, Washington.

Dec. 10, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Chairman,
Cambridge Commission, Cambridge,
Mass.

Sir—Referring to your application of October 28th, last, I transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument approving the map of location and plans of a bridge to be constructed by the Cambridge Commission, Cambridge, Mass., over Charles River, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, Mass., subject to the conditions set forth in said instrument.

Very respectfully,

Robert Shaw Oliver,

Acting Secretary of War.

(Annexed were the papers referred to.)
Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Dept. (Ald.).

Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Amanda Hanson, a sign, at 163 Court St., Wd. 6.

Henry C. Jones, an illuminated sign, at 45 Bromfield St., Wd. 7.

Albani Bros., two illuminated signs, at 150 Summer St. and 179 Federal St., Wd. 7.

G. Everett Giles, an illuminated sign, at 74 Summer St., Wd. 7.

A. E. Jackson, an illuminated sign, at 19 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Mason & Snow, a sign, at 23 Otis St., Wd. 7.

Abram J. Landey, two signs, at 84 Salem St., Wd. 6.

Zalman Petone, a clock sign, at 57 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

Casper Berry & Co., illuminated sign, 2 Ashland St., Wd. 8.

Antony Inzodda, barber pole, 110 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Claims.

Angie Cotton, Admx., for payment to Henry H. Savage of balance remaining from tax sale of estate on Amesbury St., Lot 20.

George G. Sears, for compensation for damages to his sleigh by a runaway horse of the Street Department.

Licenses.

Columbia Benevolent Society, for license for Sunday concerts on the evenings of Dec. 25, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905.

Bernard F. Hanrahan, for license for a social at 3 Brooks St., E. B., on Friday, Dec. 30, 1904.

Working Boys' Home, for license for a Sunday concert and lecture at the Boston Theatre on Jan. 1, 1905.

William Leighton, for license to exhibit wax figures at 12 Tremont row, for three months beginning Jan. 2, 1905.

HEARINGS AT 3 O'CLOCK

1. On petition of A. E. Hurlbert for leave to project two marquees from the Hotel Haymarket, viz.: One at 125 Causeway St., and one at 176 Canal St., Wd. 8.

No objections. Referred to the Committee on Building Dept. (Ald.).

2. On petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, that the first named company be allowed to attach wires and fixtures to three poles of the second named company on Ashford St., and one pole at the corner of Ashford and Chester Sts., Wd. 25.

3. On petition of the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for leave to erect one pole at 90 Green St., Wd. 3.

No objections. Severally recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires (Ald.).

On petitions of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, for leave to erect poles, viz.:

4. Two poles on Trenton St., near White St., Wd. 1.

A remonstrance was received from Anna D. Barnes, 191 Trenton St., East Boston.

No objections. Recommended to the Committee on Electric Wires.

5. Two poles on Princeton St., near Prescott St., Wd. 1.

Ex-Alderman James F. Nolan appeared and objected for Mary Bond, 274 Chestnut Ave., Jamaica Plain, owning a house at Corner of Princeton and Prescott Sts.

Aug. B. Fish, Herman St., Winthrop, representing property to be affected, and James A. Sheffield, corner Princeton and Prescott Sts., and Rev. F. C. Wurl,

for Annie Wurl, 252 Princeton St., severally appeared, and objected to the erection of the proposed poles.

No further objections. Recommended, on motion of Ald. Frothingham, to the Committee on Electric Wires, with instructions to give a public hearing.

FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

6. Report of the Committee on Ordinances recommending the passage of the following:

An ordinance providing for the publication of a list of city employees.

Be it ordained, etc.

Section 1. Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

"Section 27. Each officer in charge of a department shall, on or before the fifth day of May, in each year, prepare and furnish to the Mayor lists of the officials and employees of the city, employed in his department on the thirtieth day of April preceding. Such lists shall be arranged by divisions and districts, and shall give the names, residences, designations of, compensation of, and date of election or appointment of, each of such officials and employees; and it shall be the duty of the City Auditor to verify the said lists from the payrolls."

Section 2. Chapter 31 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 is hereby amended by adding, at the end of the second section thereof, the following:

"He shall also print, on or before the first day of June in each year, a city document containing the lists of officials and employees of the city, referred to in Section 27 of Chapter 3."

The CHAIRMAN—If there is no objection, the matter will be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I will ask the Chairman to withdraw that reference, and sincerely hope that this ordinance will be placed on its passage at once. As Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances, I will say that this ordinance as reported by that committee is identical with the draft submitted by His Honor to this Board a week ago. I hope it will be passed forthwith without any delay whatsoever. This matter of publishing the payrolls of the city has been under consideration and discussion for some months in the public press, and more recently in the Common Council. It has been established in the course of the discussion that the city of Boston is paying out regularly more than a million dollars a month to its employees in salaries and in wages. It seems to me that the citizens have a right to know how this great amount of money, which amounts to more than one-third—in fact, to almost one-half—of the annual expenditure of the city is applied. In calling for an ordinance which requires the publication of the payrolls annually, it seems to me the mayor's action should be sustained by all who have an interest in honest government or who have the interests of the city at heart. Mr. Chairman, as it appears to me, this is not a question of men or of party, of Republicans or of Democrats. It is more than that—it is a question of principle. In the annual expenditure of so many million dollars it might frequently happen that abuses could creep in without any intentional dishonesty on the part of anyone, and publicity is the most effective means of uncovering those abuses. Publicity certainly can do no harm as regards these payrolls, and it may be a great deal of good. At all events, the experiment is one that is well worth whatever it may cost. I suppose tech-

nically that at this time the payrolls are open to anybody who cares to make a visit to the office of the city auditor and to ask for information. So, Mr. Chairman, Bunker Hill Monument is open to the public; but I would ask you how many Bostonians go up in Bunker Hill Monument each year? The people of Boston want this information, but they don't want to have to go to the city auditor's office and look over pages on pages of figures that only an expert accountant can understand, in order to procure the knowledge that they require. This information is in the city auditor's office, and theoretically, I suppose, it is open to every one; but practically it is not available to the public. Imagine, if you will, one hundred citizens, or even a dozen, going down to the city auditor's office and asking for information in regard to the payrolls. What a serious inconvenience that would cause. How much time would the city auditor and his clerks have to do their work and at the same time answer the questions that might be directed to them? No, Mr. Chairman, it is our business to put this information in print, and in such a manner that it may be easily accessible, so that any man who wants to know what salaries or wages are paid out of the city treasury, or what any given man is getting, can secure that information at a glance. I submit, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, that I can see not one objection to the passage of this ordinance. We have a right to know what is being expended, and I think the Mayor has the right idea when he says in his usual luminous manner that "if there be any nook or cranny where a saving may be made, let us hospitably let the light of publicity into it." We should do that, Mr. Chairman. The people who are taxed to pay the salaries and the wages of the great army of city employees have a right to know how their money is expended, and it is only right and proper that full information should be given upon that subject as they may require it. What are the objections that are usually urged to this plan? Well, it is said that the cost of publication of the payrolls from time to time would be a serious objection. But certainly the cost of publishing those rolls would not be a sufficient reason for any one of us to vote against the passage of this ordinance. When we consider the magnitude of the city's expenditure we must realize that the cost of an annual, semi-annual or even a quarterly record of the payrolls would be only trifling in comparison. If the United States government can put forth such a list every year, as they say it does, surely the City of Boston ought to be able to do the same. This ordinance which is before us today is general in its provisions. It applies not only to the present officials, but to those who may have charge of the city's expenditures in the coming years—whether they be Republicans, Democrats or Prohibitionists. As to the nature of the list, the people want such a document as will furnish details satisfactory to the reasonable demands of taxpayers. I do not claim that this ordinance as it stands is perfect. There may be perfecting amendments to it which may be adopted later. But I feel that the ordinance as it stands today without any amendments should be passed, and I am unwilling to do anything in favor even of amendment which might interfere with the passage of the ordinance at this time. The main thing that we should strive for is to have the ordinance adopted and have the principle established, and when once this ordinance is put into practice, if then perfecting amendments are needed, they will be very easily supplied. But it

seems to me to be a long step in advance to have this ordinance as it stands today passed by this Board, leaving minor details to be taken care of later. When the publication of the payrolls is begun it will easily be seen how to make the system more effective and to make it abetter check on abuses, a better indicator of the more economical methods that might be adopted. So, in conclusion, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I sincerely hope that there will be no further delay in this matter, but that the ordinance will go on its passage as it now stands.

The report was accepted, and the ordinance was passed in concurrence.

Reports of the Committee on Building Department, recommending the passage of the two following orders:

7. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to W. P. Stone to build, outside the building limits, a wooden addition to building on 175-179 West First St., Wd. 13, in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an annlication on file in the Building Department; said addition to be occupied for platform and elevator; main building occupied for manufacturing purposes.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

8. Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be authorized to issue a permit to Patrick H. Graham to place a wooden building adjoining another wooden building at 12 Ewer St., Wd. 15, making a range in excess of size allowed and without the construction of a brick wall as required by the Ordinances, and in accordance with an application on file in the Building Department; said building to be occupied for storage purposes, main building occupied for same purpose.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

9. The order passed by this Board, Dec. 19, "That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be authorized to sell, at public auction or otherwise, (A) with the approval of the Mayor, the old steamer 'J. Putnam Bradlee,' etc.—comes up concurred in Common Council, Dec. 22, with this amendment: At (A) insert "at the best terms obtainable."

The order as amended was passed in concurrence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The Board proceeded to take up No. 10, unfinished business, viz.:

10. Action on the appointment by the Mayor of Robert D. Ware, to be a Measurer of Grain, for the term ending April 30, 1905.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Ald. Quigley and Bromberg. Whole number of ballots cast 11, yes 10, no 1, and the appointment was confirmed.

ELECTRIC WIRES

Ald. SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:

(1.) Reports on petitions—that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw, viz.:

The New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. (recommitted Oct. 24), to erect 29 poles in Washington St., Wd. 24.

The same company (recommitted July 11), to erect 36 poles in Washington St., Wd. 20.

The same company (recommitted Dec. 19), to erect three poles in Sullivan St., Wd. 5.

The same company (recommitted Dec. 5), to erect eight poles in Elmont St., Wd. 20.

The same company (recommitted Dec. 19), to erect two poles in Bartlett St., Wd. 3.

The same company (recommitted Dec. 19), to erect three poles in Maryland St., Wd. 20.

The same company (recommitted Nov. 28), to attach wires to a tree corner High and Sullivan Sts., Wd. 5.

The same company (recommitted Oct. 3), to attach wires to trees, viz.: One opposite 555 East Seventh St. and one at corner K and E. Seventh Sts., Wd. 15.

Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (recommitted Nov. 14), to erect two poles on Roseclair St., between Dorchester Ave. and St. Margaret St.

The same company (recommitted Sept. 12), to erect two poles and to remove one pole on Bennington St., between Prescott and Chelsea Sts., and three poles on Chelsea St., between Bennington and Shelby Sts., Wd. 1.

The same company (recommitted Sept. 12), to erect two poles on Orleans St., Wd. 2, between Sumner and Webster Sts.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Company (recommitted Sept. 12), to erect three poles on Main St., Wd. 4.

The same company (recommitted April 18), to remove one pole from Soley St. near Warren St. and erect same in front of 56 Warren St., Wd. 5.

The American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts (recommitted March 28), to erect poles in Carson St., Columbia Rd., Old Colony Ave. and C St.

The same company (referred last year) to remove its poles and wires on Crescent Ave. and other streets.

Reports severally accepted.

(2) Report on petition of American Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts and the New England Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts (referred July 11) to acquire poles—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered That permission be granted to The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to transfer four poles of said company on Harrison Ave., between Palmer and Zeigler Sts., as shown on a plan made by G. T. Heywood, dated June 10, 1904, and deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts; and the locations, as shown on said plan, are hereby granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

Report accepted; order passed.

(3) Report on petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted Dec. 19), to attach wires to pole—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach, and to the Brookline Gas Light Company to allow the attachment of, the wires of said telephone company to one pole of said gas light company on Linden street, near Commonwealth Ave., Wd. 25 in such manner as may be approved by the fire commissioner, said poles being shown on a plan made by G. H. Dresser, dated Nov. 17, 1904, and deposited in the wire department.

Report accepted, order passed.

(4) Report on petition of Brookline Gas Light Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (recommitted today), to attach wires, etc., recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Brookline Gas Light Company

to attach, and to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to allow the attachment of, the wires of said gas light company to four poles of said telephone company on Ashford St., Wd. 25, in such manner as may be approved by the Wire Commissioner; said poles being shown by black dots on a plan made by J. A. Gould, dated Sept. 19, 1904, and deposited in the Wire Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

(5) Report on petition of the New England Tel. and Tel. Co. of Mass. (referred Nov. 14), for extension of time—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the time allowed the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass. in which to erect poles on Brook St., between Parkman and Newton Sts., Wd. 25, under the order passed by this board May 16, 1904, be and the same is hereby extended to May 1, 1905.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred Oct. 10) for leave to acquire two poles of the N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass. on Prentiss St.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to transfer to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Massachusetts two poles on Prentiss St. shown on a plan made by H. F. Leavitt, dated June 10, 1904, and deposited in the office of the superintendent of streets; and the locations as shown on said plans are hereby granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

(7) Report on the petition of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston (referred April 25) for leave to acquire two poles of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts on Clarendon St.—recommending the passage of the accompanying order:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to transfer to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston two poles on Clarendon St., shown on a plan made by H. F. Leavitt, dated October 19, 1903, and deposited in the office of the superintendent of streets; and the locations as shown on said plan are hereby granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rules.

(8) Report on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Company (recommitted Oct. 17)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:—

Columbus Ave., between Washington St. and Weld Ave., Wd. 22, number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches, date of plan, Oct. 12, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to remove from Columbus Ave. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(9) Report on petition of Edison Electric Illuminating Company (recommitted Oct. 24)—recommending the passage of the following:—

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by F. H. Clarke; said poles to be located as follows:

Washington St., between Lyndhurst St. and Melville Ave., Wd. 20, number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches; date of plan, Oct. 22, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Washington St. one pole shown by a black dot on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Report accepted; order passed.

(10) Reports on petitions of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts for leave to erect and to remove poles—recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (referred Oct. 24) to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows: Quincy St., near Stanley St., Wd. 20, No. of poles 1, height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 feet by 13 inches, width of sidewalk 8 feet, date of plan Oct. 18, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from Quincy St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 33, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, (on petition referred Oct. 17), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the superintendent of streets, made by G. H. Dresser, said poles to be located as follows:

North Beacon St., near Market St., Wd. 25; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 45 feet by 15 inches; width of sidewalk, 8 feet; date of plan, Oct. 13, 1904.

Ordered, That permission be granted to said company to remove from North Beacon St. one pole shown by a black cross on said plan.

The superintendent of streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 33, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(c) Ordered: That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Norfolk St., near Talbot Ave., Wd. 24, number of poles 2, height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches, date of plan Nov. 19, 1904.

Ordered That permission be granted to said company to remove from Norfolk St. two poles shown by black crosses on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(d) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Mass., on petition (recommitted Dec. 19), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows:

Aldie St., between Athol and Franklin Sts., Wd. 25; number of poles, 2; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 35 feet by 12 inches; width of sidewalk, 7 feet; date of plan, Nov. 17, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(e) Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts (on petition recommitted Dec. 19), to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. H. Dresser; said poles to be located as follows: Kittredge St., near Whitford St., Wd. 23, No. of poles 2; Whitford St., near Kittredge St., Wd. 23, No. of poles 2, height and diameter of poles not to exceed 40 feet by 14 inches, width of sidewalk 7 feet, date of plan Nov. 28, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in chapter 38, section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

(1) Reports on petitions of the Fire Commissioner—Recommending the passage of the following:

(a) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner (on petition recommitted Dec. 19), to place and maintain a post for fire alarm box at a point designated by a white dot on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. J. Rauh; said post to be located as follows:

Atlantic Ave., corner Commercial St., Wd. 6; number of poles, 1; height and diameter of poles not to exceed 10 feet by 14 inches; date of plan, Dec. 4, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue a permit for opening and occupying the street for placing and maintaining said post on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said post to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

(b) Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner (on petition recommitted Dec. 19), to place and maintain test-boxes at points designated by black dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by G. J. Rauh; said test-boxes to be located as follows:—

Richmond St., corner Commercial St. Wd. 6, number of boxes, 1, height and diameter not to exceed 8 feet by 14 inches, date of plan, Nov. 13, 1904; Commercial St., near State St., Wd. 6, number of boxes, 1, height and diameter not to exceed 8 feet by 14 inches, date of plan, Nov. 13, 1904; Maverick Sq., near Chelsea St., Wd. 2, number of boxes, 1, height and diameter not to exceed 8 feet by 14 inches, date of plan, Nov. 13, 1904.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said boxes on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said boxes to be completed within six months from the date of the passage of this order.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed under a suspension of the rule.

CLAIMS.

Ald. BROMBERG, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Angie Cotton, administratrix (referred today), for payment of tax balance—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That the city treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Henry H. Savage the sum of \$166.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 394, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Amesbury St., Lot 20, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2579, page 583.

Report accepted; order passed. Sent down.

(2) Report submitting list of all the claims upon which action has been taken during 1904—recommending that the same be printed as a city document.

Accepted and ordered printed. Sent down.

LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (referred today) recommending that licenses be granted on the usual conditions, as follows:

Columbia Benevolent Society, for concerts on the evenings of Sunday, December 25, 1904, and Sunday, January 1, 1905, at the Columbia Theatre.

Bernard F. Hanrahan, for a social at 3 Brooks St., East Boston, on Friday, Dec. 30, 1904.

William Leighton, to exhibit wax figures at 12 Tremont Row for three months beginning January 2, 1905.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Reports that no further action is necessary on the following petitions:

Theatrical Mechanics Association (referred Dec. 19) for a license for a Sunday evening concert at the Boston Theatre on the evening of Jan. 8, 1905.

Columbia Benevolent Society (referred Nov. 25), for a license for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Boston Emergency Hospital (referred Dec. 19), for license for Sunday evening concerts at the Grand Opera House on Dec. 25, 1904, and Jan. 1, 1905.

Columbia Benevolent Society (referred Nov. 7, for license for Sunday concerts at the Columbia Theatre on the evenings of Nov. 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4, 11, 18.

John S. Coxeter (referred Nov. 14), for license to exhibit moving pictures, stereopticon views, song-sheet and phonograph concerts at the store 110 Court St., for six months.

Boston Emergency Hospital (referred Nov. 21), for a license for Sunday concerts at the Boston Theatre for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Julius Yoffe (referred Sept. 19), for a license for musical and literary entertainments at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Union General Hospital (referred December 5), for a license for Sunday concerts at Mechanics Hall, Mechanics Building, Huntington Ave., on Sunday evenings, from December 11, 1904, to March 26, 1905, inclusive.

Remonstrance of St. Paul Baptist Church (referred August 8), against the granting of an amusement license of J. R. Benn at Casino Hall, 830 Tremont St.

Thomas J. Burke and others (referred August 1), in favor of the granting of an amusement license to Joseph R. Benn, at 830 Tremont St.

Remonstrance of Henry and Caroline Mayer (referred August 1), against the granting of an amusement license to Bertha Sampson or any other person at Dover Hall, 40 Dover St.

Samuel Sidman (referred October 31), for a hearing on his petition for an amusement license for hall at 46 Stillman St.

J. R. Benn for license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Casino Hall, 830 Tremont St., for the season ending August 1, 1905.

Reports accepted.

COASTING ON EAST SIXTH ST.

Ald. BALDWIN presented the petition of Matthew J. Peters and others, that coasting be allowed on East Sixth St., between G and I Sts., South Boston.

In connection with the petition, Ald. BALDWIN offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as the Board of Police may deem proper to impose, in East Sixth St., between G and I Sts., South Boston.

Passed.

UNION GENERAL CONCERT

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the license granted to the Union General Hospital for a concert at Mechanics Building Jan. 1, 1905, be and the same is hereby transferred to Symphony Hall.

Passed.

TRIMMING OF TREES

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to cause the removal of dangerous limbs of trees on the corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Norfolk St., and in front of 1525 Blue Hill Ave., Wd. 24; and charge the expense to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

Passed

REMOVAL OF TREES, MAIN ST.

Ald. QUIGLEY offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be requested to inform this Board whether or not any trees have been removed from in front of estate No. 112-114 Main St., Charlestown, since Jan. 1, 1903, and, if so, if the said removal was with his consent.

Passed.

INSPECTION OF BUILDING, 368 DORCHESTER AVE.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Board of Health be requested by this Board to make an investigation of the premises 368-370 Dorchester Ave., and if they find the facts warrant such action, to declare the same a public nuisance.

Passed.

RECESS.

On motion of Ald. QUIGLEY the Board voted at 4.08 P.M. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order at 5.20 P.M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:—

(1) Report on ordinance (referred June 27), to reorganize the Bath Department, amending Chaps. 2, 3 and 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898—recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(2) Report on ordinance (referred Feb. 1), to amend Chap. 7 of the Revised Ordinances of 1898 concerning Bath Department—recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

(3) Report on message of the Acting Mayor (referred July 11), transmitting communication from the Superintendent of Streets submitting list of streets which he intends to improve this year—recommending that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted, said communication and list placed on file.

(4) Reports that action on the following orders be indefinitely postponed:

To petition for legislation concerning state and city election and caucuses (referred Feb. 1).

To favor act relative to construction and repairs of buildings of the Fire and Police Departments (referred March 7).

That the Building Committee report on the inspection of theatres (referred March 14).

Requesting the Committee on Legislative Matters to appear before Committee of the General Court, advocating an act to restore control of highways to cities and towns (referred Feb. 29).

Reports accepted, said orders indefinitely postponed.

(5) Reports recommending that the following veto messages be sustained and that the messages be placed on file:

Veto (referred Nov. 7), of order accepting Acts of 1904, Chap. 402, to pension members of the Police Signal Service.

Veto (referred Sept. 12), of acceptance of Chap. 449 of the Acts of 1903 to make payments to widows and next of kin of deceased employees.

Veto (referred Oct. 24), of license to S. Sidman for season amusements at Grand Central Hall, 46 Stillman St.

Veto (referred Aug. 1), of permit to Soe Wing to project an illuminated sign at 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Veto (referred Aug. 8), of amusement licenses to Bertha Sampson, Israel Goldberg, M. Shenkel and Thomas R. O'Connor.

Reports severally accepted, and said messages ordered placed on file.

The Board refused to pass the orders over the vetoes, yeas 6, nays 11.

PROJECTIONS

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.), submitted reports recommending that leave be granted on the following petitions:

Joseph Gridley (referred Nov. 28), to project an electric sign at 241-243 Washington St., Wd. 6.

Antony Inzodda (referred today), to project a barber pole at 110 Hampden St., Wd. 17.

Mason & Snow (referred today), to project a sign at 23 Otis St., Wd. 7.

A. E. Jackson (referred today), to project an illuminated sign at 19 Federal St., Wd. 7.

Abram J. Landey (referred today), to project two signs at 84 Salem St., Wd. 8.

Amanda Hanson (referred today), to project a sign at 163 Court St., Wd. 6.

Zalman Petone (referred today) to project a clock sign at 57 Lowell St., Wd. 8.

A. E. Hurlbert (recommitted today), to project two mirquises from Hotel

Haymarket, one at 125 Causeway St. and one at 176 Canal St., Wd. 8, the plans for said awnings to be approved by, and their erection to be under the supervision of the building commissioner.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That when this Board adjourns, it be to meet on Saturday, Dec. 31, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon.

Passed.

COST OF OLD COLONY AVE.

Ald. BRESNAHAN offered an order—That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to establish the grade of the former road-bed of the Old Colony Railroad, known as Old Colony Avenue, and the streets connecting therewith, and furnish this board at its next meeting with an estimate of the cost of constructing said street and approaches at the grade established.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Ald. FROTHINGHAM, the Board refused a general reconsideration of all action taken today.

Adjourned, at 5.36 P.M., on motion of Ald. O'TOOLE, to meet on Saturday, December 31, at 12 M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Common Council.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1904.

Final meeting of the Common Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., President DOLAN in the chair.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

Mayor's Office,

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29, 1904.

To the Common Council:—

I transmit herewith a communication from the chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order asking that electric lights be placed on the Lyons-St. end of Franklin Field, for the convenience of skaters.

Respectfully,

Patrick A. Collins, Mayor.

City of Boston, Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Boston, Dec. 28, 1904.

Hon. Patrick A. Collins, Mayor, City Hall, Boston:—

Dear Sir:—We have received and duly considered the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to place electric lights on the Lyons St. end of Franklin Field for the convenience of skaters.

The cost of setting up the poles and lighting the various ice fields and the low state of our appropriation compel us to decline to grant the request.

Yours respectfully,

Charles E. Stratton, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1. Notice of indefinite postponement of the following orders passed by the Common Council on the dates specified, viz.:

Order of January 28, that the Mayor be requested to petition for legislation authorizing the holding of state and municipal caucuses on the same date, and state and municipal elections on the same date.

Order of February 25, requesting the Committee on Legislative matters to advocate the passage of Senate Bill 209, "An Act to restore the control of highways in cities and towns."

Order of March 3, requesting the Committee on Legislative matters to advocate the passage of House Bill 857, "An Act that all construction and repairs of buildings connected with the fire or police department of the City of Boston shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings," etc.

Order of March 10, requesting the Building Committee to report to the Common Council the names of all the theatres it has inspected, how each one is observing the building laws, and what recommendations the committee have to offer in regard to each one they have inspected, etc.

Severally placed on file.

2. Report of Committee on Claims, submitting to the City Council a list of all the claims upon which action has been taken during the year 1904, and recommending that the same be printed as a city document.

Accepted in concurrence.

3. Report of Committee on Claims, on petition of Angie Cotton, administratrix, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Henry H. Savage the sum of \$166.45, being the amount held by the city under Chap. 390, Sec. 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Amesbury street, Lot 20, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, lib. 2579, page 585.

Report accepted; order passed in concurrence.

LIST OF CITY EMPLOYEES

The Council proceeded to take up No. 4, unfinished business, viz.:

4. Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to cause to be published by executive order, in the month of February, a list of all city and county employees as of the first day of the fiscal year, with the date of their appointment, their residence when appointed, their present residence, the nature of the work at which they are employed, and their salaries.

The question came on solving (by yeas and nays) the doubt of the vote refusing to lay the order on the table.

Indefinitely postponed, on motion of Mr. Fitzgerald of Wd. 3.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FIREMEN

The Council proceeded to take up No. 5, unfinished business, viz.:

5. An ordinance, viz.:

Be it ordained: That on and after the first of September, 1904, the employees of the Fire Department shall have one day's leave of absence in every seven.

This ordinance shall go into effect on its receiving the approval of the Mayor.

On August 4, Mr. Price offered the following ordinance as a substitute for the above:

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

That on and after Oct. 1, 1904, the uniformed men in the employ of the City of Boston, in the fire department, be and hereby are granted forty-eight hours' leave of absence in every thirteen days, to be divided as follows: Twenty-four hours' continuous leave of absence—twelve hours' continuous leave of absence. A. M., twelve hours' continuous leave of absence, P. M. At least three days are to expire between each leave of absence.

The question came on the adoption of the substitute.

The substitute was rejected.

The question came on the passage of the original ordinance.

The ordinance was rejected.

COMPLETION OF WD. 15 BATH-HOUSE.

The council proceeded to take up No. 6, past assignment, viz.:

6. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be hereby appropriated for the completion of the all-year-round bath-house, Ninth St., Wd. 15, South Boston; and to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston for said amount.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. COLMAN of Wd. 15—Mr. President, this order has been on the calendar for some time, and is a matter of great importance to the residents of my

district. The land has been purchased and the foundation of the building has been laid. There is at the present time \$20,000 already appropriated for the erection of the bath house on Ninth street, and it requires \$20,000 more to complete the structure. This is the last meeting of the Council, and action should certainly be taken on the order. Owing to the fact that the necessary money has not been forthcoming, I have introduced the order, and I trust that it will be passed at this meeting.

Mr. BELL of Wd. 20—Mr. President. I sincerely trust that this order will not be passed at this meeting, for the simple reason that it has been on the calendar for some time. If the gentleman who has introduced it had good and sufficient reasons for passing it he should have called it up and stated the reasons earlier, not waiting until the last meeting of the Common Council to pass an order for a bath house. I very much doubt if there are enough members here to pass the order, but I certainly trust that it will not pass.

The council refused to pass the order, a two-thirds vote being necessary for passage, yeas 33, nays 10:

Yeas—Barry, Bradley, Brazzell, Colbert, Colman, Conway (3), Conway (23), Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Grady, Hanley, Kelley, Maynard, McDermott, McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Reagan, Spillane, Wood—33.

Nays—Abbott, Bell, Cook, Higgins, MacLoud, Patterson, Price, Stalker, Warner, Williams—10.

Absent or not voting—Barrett, Callaghan, Callahan, Carter, Collins (12), Collins (4), Conboy, Coughlin, Dalton, Dolan, Ewell, Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Harrington, Hourin, Jepson, Lacey, Leavitt, Mackenzie, Mancovitz, McDonald (16), McDonald (4), McGonagle, Murray, Newton, Pierce, Rackowsky, Richardson, Simms, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15)—32.

DISCHARGE OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Council proceeded to take up No. 7, past assignment, viz:

Ordered, That the present Building Committee of the Common Council be discharged and a new one appointed by the President, not to include the author of this order.

The question came on the motion of Mr. CONWAY (23) to reconsider the vote of June 2, whereby the above order was rejected.

Mr. CONWAY of Ward 23—Mr. President, I have been informed by people who suppose that they know, that the Building Committee have no power to do as they were ordered to do by this body. Consequently, a new committee would have the same power—practically none. Therefore, I move that No. 7 be indefinitely postponed.

The order was indefinitely postponed.

ANNUAL DINNER

Mr. McDERMOTT of Ward 7, for the committee, submitted the following:

The special committee appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner of the Common Council respectfully report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and that the dinner will be held at the Quincy House immediately after the adjournment of the council.

Accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. WOOD of Wd. 20 offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the joint standing and special committees of this City Council be referred to the next City Council.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. WOOD offered an order—That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the special and standing committees of this Common Council be referred to the next Common Council.

Passed.

PRINTING OF MINUTES AND DOCUMENTS

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council minutes of 1904 to be bound in the usual manner and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1904, each new member of the City Council of 1905, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one copy of the same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council Proceedings.

Passed. Sent up.

Mr. McDERMOTT offered an order—That the city messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1904, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one set each of the City Documents for 1904 when completed and bound.

Passed. Sent up.

MUNICIPAL LIGHTING.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Ward 7 offered an order—That the City of Boston be authorized and is hereby authorized, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct or lease and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

The order was read a second time, and the question came on its passage.

Mr. McDERMOTT of Wd. 7—Mr. President, the order I have introduced is one that if passed in two consecutive years by a two-thirds vote of the City Council and accepted by the people of Boston, will authorize the City of Boston to construct a plant or plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity to the inhabitants of the City of Boston. I wish to read to the members of the Council the first three sections of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws, which authorizes the City of Boston to manufacture and distribute gas and electricity:

"Section 1. A city or town may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, construct, purchase or lease, and maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, or light, heat or power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants. Such plants may include suitable land, structures and machinery and other apparatus and appliances for manufacturing, using and distributing gas or electricity for said purposes.

"Section 2. A city shall not acquire such a plant until it has been so authorized by a vote of two-thirds of each branch of its City Council, passed in each of two consecutive municipal years and thereafter ratified by a majority of the voters at an annual or special city election. If such a vote is not ratified, no similar vote shall be

submitted for ratification within one year thereafter. Such vote of the City Council shall be subject to the approval or veto of the Mayor.

Section 3. A town shall not acquire such a plant until it has been so authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the voters, taken by ballot with the use of the voting list, at each of two town meetings called for the purpose and held at intervals of not less than two nor more than thirteen months. If such a vote fails of passage at the second meeting no similar vote shall be passed within two years thereafter.

Mr. President and members of the Common Council, I don't believe this order needs any great amount of debate. The members are perfectly familiar with it. It has been before the people through the press for the past few weeks, and I think it should not only receive a two-thirds vote of the City Council, but that the vote should be unanimous, so that it may go before the people of Boston, who are the consumers, those who pay the gas bills, to be settled by them for all time.

The order was passed, yeas 51, nays 0. Yeas—Abbott, Barry, Bell, Bradley, Brazzell, Callahan, Colbert, Colman, Conboy, Conway (3), Conway (23), Cook, Craig, Crowley (2), Crowley (7), Dolan, Driscoll, Drummond, Eagan, Ewell, Fay, Ferber, Fitzgerald (5), Fitzgerald (3), Foley, Good, Grady, Hanley, Higgins, Jepson, Kelley, Mackenzie, MacLoud, Mancovitz, Maynard, McDermott, McDonald (16), McKie, McKinney, McKirdy, McKnight, McMackin, Moynihan, Patterson, Price, Reagan, Spillane, Stalker, Warner, Williams, Wood—51.

Nays—0.
Absent or not voting—Barrett, Cado-gan, Carter, Collins (12), Collins (4), Coughlin, Dalton, Gethro, Gleason, Graumann, Harrington, Hourin, Lacey, Leavitt, McDonald (4), McGonagle, Murray, Newton, Pierce, Rachkowsky, Richardson, Simms, Sullivan (9), Sullivan (15)—24.

Mr. Mancovitz of Wd 8 moved to reconsider; lost. Sent up.

COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPH

Mr. FITZGERALD of Wd. 3 offered an order—That the City Messenger be authorized to procure a photograph of the members of the Common Council of 1904, and to furnish each member of said Council with one copy thereof; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Common Council contingent expenses.

Passed.

FURNISHING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Mr. ABBOTT of Wd. 24 offered an order—That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to purchase such furniture and fittings as he may deem necessary for the furnishing of the new building at the corner of Norfolk and Washington streets, Dorchester; the amounts expended therefor to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, New Building in place of Old Town Hall, Dorchester.

Passed. Sent up.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. FERBER of Ward 10 offered the following:

Whereas, The hour has arrived for dissolution of the Common Council for the year 1904, and

Whereas, The Common Council is indebted to its President, Arthur W. Dolan, Esq., for the able manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, now therefore be it

Resolved, That this Council does hereby express its thanks to Mr. Dolan for his faithful and efficient administration, and that it does hereby record its appreciation of his fair, tactful, dignified and conscientious performance of his duties as President.

The members of the Council congratulate him upon his prospective re-election to the office and extend to him their best wishes for a successful career.

The preambles and resolution were read a second time, and the question came on their passage.

Mr. FERBER of Wd. 10 said:

Mr. Clerk, gentlemen of the Council, it gives me much gratification to have the privilege of offering these resolutions. It gives me more gratification still to have this opportunity of saying a sincere word in support of them. I had when I came here I must confess, some fear that the President, backed by such an overpowering and militant majority as that in this Council, might sometimes not be considerate of the rights of the minority. That such an impression was early dispelled I am very glad to testify. His treatment of myself—as well as his treatment of the other members of the Council—has been at all times fair, impartial, and even indulgent. Yet, in his liberality and indulgence towards the conduct of members he has never for an instant allowed the dignity of the Council or his own dignity to suffer. The order and decorum maintained in this body has been of as high a character as, if not a higher character than that maintained in many more important legislative assemblies. To the other members of the Council, to the Clerk and his assistant, to the Messenger and his assistants, and to the gentlemen of the press, I also wish to extend my thanks for the many kindnesses received at their hands during the year. It is with regret that I sever the pleasant associations I have here enjoyed. Of whatever value time may prove my service here to have been to me, time will never obliterate the pleasant memories of the friendships I hope I have formed.

Mr. MOYNIHAN of Wd. 13 said:

Mr. President, in speaking to the resolutions, to me has been assigned a very pleasant duty, a duty which is only enhanced by the pleasure it gives me to recall your uniform courtesy, your exact fairness and your keen sense of dignity during the present year. I know I voice the sentiments of every member of this Council when I say that you have brought to the office to which you were elected, manliness and dignity, coupled with ability, courtesy and fairness. Mr. President, this body has had its critics—and let me say that criticism, when just, is wholesome, but when unjust is unwholesome; and to you, Mr. President, may be given the credit of staying much of that criticism which is unjust. Also, Mr. President, let me say that it has been the desire of every member of this body to aid you in bringing the body up to the standard of all bodies of this character. It has been your desire—and in that desire you have had back of you the efforts of all members—to make this body a model of its kind in America. But, Mr. President, to me has been given a very pleasant duty. That duty is to voice the affection and the esteem of your fellow-members during the last year; and, Mr. President, on their behalf, I now present you this slight token of their affection. (Mr. Moynihan at this point presented the president with a complete set of the Massachusetts Supreme Court Reports.) In presenting this, Mr. President, let me say that, to one in your profession, nothing is more dear now, more neces-

sary than that wealth of accumulated judicial wisdom which is recorded in the reports of the highest judiciary of the Commonwealth. To that wealth of judicial wisdom you very often, as a student, have paid pilgrimages. At that fountain have you drank, and drank to your fill. But today, in presenting to you this wealth of wisdom we wish to express the hope that it may bring to you a greater realization of what is bound up within these reports. And, Mr. President, if sometimes, in the solitude of your study or in the perplexing and tiring moments of some important cause, you drift back in memory to this day, let this slight token be a reminder of the feelings which we have towards you in this hour. Let me say in conclusion, Mr. President, that I desire and hope that the thoughts which are therein contained may lead you to a position where your name may be among those that are numbered within. And if it be so, and if in the hour of success you need any reminder of happier days, let your mind's eye wander back to the faces around you tonight. I feel and know that the memory of these faces will always recall to you happy thoughts. (Applause.)

The preambles and resolutions were passed by a unanimous rising vote.

President DOLAN said:—

Fellow members of the Common Council,—I assure you I appreciate most highly the glowing words which have been spoken about me, and also your very beautiful and most useful gift. I trust that the future will give to me a better knowledge of its contents than I possess at the present time. Having been congratulated on my re-election, I feel that perhaps there is one particular class of laws to which I may turn without doing the public any great harm, and that is to that class of laws which will give me a definite understanding of what is called "the rule against perpetuities." I am afraid that I am transgressing that rule by my numerous returns to the Common Council; but if I am, it is for the most part because of the very pleasant days I have spent here, because of my appreciation of the very honorable office to which you, as well as two other Councils, have elected me, and also because of the appreciation of the many friendships that I have made here, and the many friendships that I expect to make in the near future. It has been my desire, as the presiding officer of the Common Council, to do all that I could to bring about a state of discipline and a condition of business that would reflect nothing but credit upon a body which I think we will all admit has justified its own existence—a body which has been attacked many times, a body which has been attacked in the Legislature, and which has been almed at by bills introduced for its abolition. But, only by reason of its own course, the result has always been a unanimous re-

port that such bills ought not to pass. That, of itself, is perhaps the greatest compliment that can be paid to the Common Council of the City of Boston. On all occasions it has proven itself to be a saving branch, and has justified its own existence by its own conduct. I have tried, as presiding officer—and I hope not without some little success—to accord to each and every member all the courtesies, all the privileges to which he was entitled. I have always realized that, like myself, the other members of the Council are delegated with the rights of their constituents for a stated purpose—to serve the interests of those constituents, and, as the body was finally made up, the interests of the whole citizenship of Boston, and I have realized that such being the case, there should be given to all equal privileges and favor to none. I have tried to carry out that plan, and I assure you that I shall try to do so just as strenuously in the future as I have in the past. I appreciate the many courtesies which you have shown me, and the co-operation which you have extended to me. Without your co-operation, I could accomplish nothing here. I appreciate that whatever success I have had is not altogether due to me, because if the members of the body did not co-operate with me, my efforts would be of no avail. I appreciate your kindnesses. I appreciate the great courtesy you have shown me on all occasions, and of course I appreciate your great generosity in making me this gift as a token of your affection. It is a matter of pride for any man to feel that he has attained the regard and friendship of any great number of men; and, as evidenced by such a gift, there must be in this case a great deal of regard, and therefore all the more cause for self-congratulation. I am very glad that I have been able to please you—if I have pleased you. I trust that those going from the body will have the most kindly recollections of those who sat with them; that those of you who are going forth to higher branches of legislative bodies will have an opportunity to show that your experience here has been of great benefit to you. I trust that those members of the government who are going forth to higher legislative bodies will be successful; and I trust that those who are to retire to private life, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, will have successful futures. I desire at this time to thank all the heads of departments and the various gentlemen who have been so kind to me during the year, and to wish you one and all a most happy New Year. (Great applause.)

Mr. CONWAY of Wd. 23 offered an order—That the closing proceedings of the Common Council, including the address of the President, be printed as a city document.

Passed.

Adjourned, sine die, at 5.13 o'clock P.M.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1904.

Regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 12 o'clock M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent, Ald. Curley.

The Board voted, on motion of Ald. O'Toole, to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

PETITIONS REFERRED

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Building Department (Ald.)
Petitions for leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Giuseppe Torchia, a sign at 19 Clark St., Wd. 6.

Adolph Lundin, an illuminated sign at 176 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Moses Yatter, an electric sign at 635 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Soo Wing, an illuminated sign at 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Joseph Bell, a sign at 1362 Washington St., Wd. 9.

G. F. Damon, an illuminated sign at Hotel Thorndike, over Church St., corner Boylston St., Wd. 11.

John Membrino, sign, 8 Moon St., Wd. 6.

Claims

Martin P. McHugh, for compensation for damages to estate 5 Colton St. by the defective condition of water pipes in First St.

Faneuil Hall, Etc.

Democratic City Committee, for the use of Faneuil Hall, on the evening of January 3, 1905.

Superintendent of Public Grounds.

George F. W. Richmond, for the removal of a tree at 9 Whiting St., Wd. 21.

Licenses.

Joseph F. O'Connell, for license for basket-ball games at hall 22 River St., Milton Lower Falls, for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905.

Joseph F. Putnam, for license for a wrestling exhibition at Monument Hall, Main St., on the afternoon of Feb. 22, 1905.

Theatrical Mechanics' Association, for a license for a Sunday concert on the evening of Jan. 8, 1905, at the Boston Theatre.

ELECTRIC WIRES.

Aid SLATTERY, for the Committee on Electric Wires, submitted the following:—

Reports on petitions (severally referred Dec. 19), for leave to erect poles in various streets—that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz.:

The N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. of Mass., for leave to erect two poles in Princeton St., Wd. 1.

The same company, for leave to erect two poles on Trenton St., Wd. 1.

Charlestown Gas & Electric Co., for leave to erect one pole at 90 Green St., Wd. 3.

Reports severally accepted.

FANEUIL HALL.

Ald. BOWEN, for the Committee on Faneuil Hall, etc., submitted the following:

(1) Report on the petition of the Democratic City Committee (referred today) for the use of Faneuil Hall on the evening of Jan. 3, 1905.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Wolk Liss (referred Dec. 5), for leave to maintain a stand for bootblacking and for the sale of smallwares in front of the Old Court House on Court St.—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

PROJECTIONS, ETC.

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Building Department (Ald.) submitted the following:

(1) Reports on petitions (severally referred today) for leave to project signs—recommending that leave be granted, viz.:

John Membrino, sign, 8 Moon St., Wd. 6.

Joseph Bell, sign, 1362 Washington St., Wd. 9.

G. F. Damon, illuminated sign over Church St., corner Boylston St., Wd. 11.

Adolph Lundin, illuminated sign, 176 Tremont St., Wd. 7.

Soo Wing, illuminated sign, 9½ Harrison Ave., Wd. 7.

Moses Yatter, electric sign, 635 Washington St., Wd. 7.

Giuseppe Torchia, sign, 19 Clark St., Wd. 6.

Maurice Kennealy, advertising sign, Hotel Stebbins, 463 Broadway, South Boston.

Reports severally accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of M. A. Packard (referred Nov. 28), for leave to project an electric sign at 7 Central Sq., Wd. 2—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

LICENSES

Ald. BRESNAHAN, for the Committee on Licenses, submitted the following:

(1) Report on petition of Joseph F. O'Connell (referred today) for license for basketball games at hall 22 River St., Milton Lower Mills, for the season ending August 1, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(2) Report on petition of Theatrical Mechanics Association (referred today) for license for a Sunday concert on the evening of January 8, 1905, at the Boston Theatre—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual condition.

(3) Report on petition of the Working Boys' Home (referred Dec. 27) for license for a Sunday concert and lecture at the Boston Theatre on Jan. 1, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(4) Report on petition of M. Greenburg (referred Aug. 1) for a license for musical, literary, dramatic, dancing and whist entertainments at Union Park Halls, 1371 Washington St., for the season ending Aug. 1, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted on the usual conditions.

(5) Report on petition of Joseph F. Putnam (referred today), for license for a wrestling exhibition at Monument Hall, Main St., on the afternoon of Feb. 22, 1905—that a license be granted.

Report accepted, license granted by a unanimous vote, under a suspension of the rule.

CLOSING OF WALK HILL ST.

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Walk Hill St., between Washington St. and Hyde Park Ave., Wd. 23, to public travel during the time necessary for the construction of a sewer in said street. Passed.

GRADE OF OLD COLONY ROAD BED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Street Commissioner's Office,
City Hall, Room 38,
Dec. 31, 1904.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen,—Your order of the 27th inst., requesting that the grade of the former road bed of the Old Colony railroad be established, and that an estimate be furnished of the cost of constructing the said avenue and its approaches, has received the attention of the Board.

It is impossible for the Board at this time to comply with the request of your honorable body to establish the grade, because, by doing so, the city would in all probability be called upon to meet heavy damages for which there is no appropriation available.

It is estimated that it would cost about \$140,000 to build the avenue at a grade to meet the grades of intersecting highways. A surface sewer would be needed, and this, it is estimated, would cost about \$40,000.

The Board cannot, in the brief time allowed it to make reply to your order, and without the grade being established, estimate the possible damages to property on the avenue and its intersecting streets.

Very respectfully,
Salem D. Charles,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

RECESS TAKEN

The Board voted, at 1.13 o'clock P. M., on motion of Ald. Quigley, to take a recess subject to the call of the chairman.

The members of the Board reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber and were called to order by the chairman at 2.46 P. M.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Ald. QUIGLEY, for the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following:

(1) Reports on messages of the Mayor vetoing various matters—recommending that the vetoes be sustained and that the messages be placed on file, viz.:

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 27), vetoing order for location of tracks in East Boston to Massachusetts Wharf Trust (Inc.).

Message of Mayor (referred Nov. 21), vetoing amusement license to Patrick J. Kelleher at Kelleher Hall, 445 Neponset Ave., Wd. 24.

Message of Mayor (referred Dec. 19), vetoing amusement license to the Marion Associates, 3 Brooks St., East Boston.

The reports were accepted, the messages were placed on file and the question came on passing the order and granting leave, the objection of His Honor the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding.

The board refused to grant permission, and the vetoes of the Mayor were sustained, yeas 2, nays 10, Ald. Baldwin and Quigley voting yea.

(2) Report on petition of Walworth Mfg. Co. (referred ec. 19), for a license

to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum in wooden shed at 400 Congress St., Wd. 13—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

(3) Reports on orders concerning various matters—recommending reference to the next City Government, viz.:

Order (referred June 20) that the Bath Trustees discontinue swimming pool at Orchard Park.

Order (referred June 20), that the swimming pool at Orchard Park be filled in.

Order (referred Jan. 25) that the Mayor petition the Legislature for such legislation as is necessary to pension all employees of the city receiving less than \$3 per day who have been city employees for more than twenty years or who have become incapacitated while in the service of the city.

Order (recommitted Sept. 19) authorizing the settlement of suits against the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Order (referred Feb. 1) relative to double pay for stablemen employed by Street Department for work on holidays and Saturday afternoons.

Order (referred Aug. 8) to investigate theatres as to the danger existing from steam, etc.

Order (referred June 20) against the sale of Highland Clubhouse, Wd. 23.

Order (referred Jan. 25) to petition for act relative to widening of Chelsea St., Charlestown, between City Sq. and Bunker Hill St.

Reports severally accepted; said reference ordered.

(4) Report on order (referred June 27) concerning rate of wages of painters employed by the City of Boston—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed in concurrence.

(4) Report on order (referred Jan. 11) that material that is manufactured in Boston by Boston firms be used for buildings which are now under construction or are to be constructed in the future, instead of material manufactured outside of the state, and also that citizens of Boston be employed in the construction of same—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

(6) Report on order (referred Jan. 18) that laborers who work on Sunday and at night in removing snow shall receive double pay—that no action is necessary. Accepted.

(7) Report of message of Mayor and ordinances (referred Dec. 19) to amend Chapters 3 and 31, Revised Ordinances of 1898, concerning the printing of lists of officials and employees—that the same be placed on file.

Report accepted.

(8) Reports on petitions recommending the passage of orders that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue permits to the hereinafter-named parties to do certain work, said work to be completed on or before July 1, 1905, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances relating thereto, viz.:

Paul Barron Watson, et al., Trustees (referred Sept. 19) to construct, maintain and use an area 30 feet by six feet, with patent sidewalk covers under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 9-11 Merchants Row, Wd. 6.

Julius M. Siegel (referred Dec. 5), to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening four feet by four feet, with a patent sidewalk cover under and in the sidewalk in front of estate 342 Harrison Ave., Wd. 9.

The President and Fellows of Harvard College (referred Oct. 24) to construct, maintain and use areas with patent sidewalk and iron cover under and in the sidewalk in front of the Employers' Liability Building on Broad,

Central and Water Sts., Wd. 7, as shown on a plan dated Oct. 24, 1904, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Charles E. Cotting et al., trustees of Department Store Trust (referred Dec. 19), to construct, maintain and use areas with patent sidewalk covers under and in the sidewalks in front of their estate on Washington and Essex Sts. and Hayward Pl., Wd. 7, also three coal hole openings 18 inches in diameter with iron covers on the Hayward Place side, as shown on a plan dated Oct. 27, 1904, and approved by the Boston Transit Commission and the superintendent of streets, and on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

The same, to construct, maintain and use areas with patent sidewalk covers under and in the sidewalk on the Harrison Ave. side of the said estate as shown on a plan dated July 18, 1904, on file in the permit office of the Street Department.

Reports severally accepted; permits granted on the usual conditions.

PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

1. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to purchase such furniture and fittings as he may deem necessary for the furnishing of the new building at the corner of Norfolk and Washington Sts., Dorchester, the amounts expended therefor to be charged to the appropriation for Public Buildings Department, New Building in place of Old Town Hall, Dorchester.

2. Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to furnish each member of the City Council of 1904, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one set each of the city documents for 1904, when completed and bound.

3. Ordered, That the city messenger be authorized to cause a sufficient number of the City Council Minutes of 1904 to be bound in the usual manner, and to furnish each member of the City Council of 1904, each new member of the City Council of 1905, and each of the heads of the several city departments with one copy of the same; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, City Council proceedings.

Severally passed in concurrence.

4. Ordered, That the City of Boston be authorized and is hereby authorized, in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 34 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts, to construct or lease and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture and distribution of gas and electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and light, heat and power, except for the operation of electric cars, for the use of its inhabitants.

The Board refused to pass the order in concurrence.

Ald. WHELTON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays, which were taken, with the following result: Yeas—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Bromberg, Hennessey, Kneeland, O'Toole, Slattery, Whelton—8.

Nays—Ald. Bresnahan, Doyle, Frothingham, Quigley—4.

The Chairman—There not being the necessary two-thirds, the order is not passed in concurrence.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I rise with considerable reluctance to make a motion—perhaps as disagreeable as one as can be made in a body. I have reason to believe that the order which the Chairman has decided has not received the requisite number of votes to secure its passage has secured the number of votes. The general act in relation to the matter reads

in one way; the special act reads differently. It is my opinion and belief that eight members voting for this matter today gives the necessary number of votes to secure the passage of the order in concurrence. I am about to make a motion, Mr. Chairman, and I am exceedingly sorry that I have to make it today. In the final hours of the Board of 1904 I would rather refrain from doing it. But I feel, in justice to the people of Boston, and as a matter of knowledge to the people of this Commonwealth, that the courts of this state should be compelled to pass upon the question of whether or not a two-thirds vote means two-thirds of those present and voting, or whether it means two-thirds of the entire body. I hope the Chair will not take my motion in an unfriendly spirit. I simply want to know, for the satisfaction of all concerned, whether this order is legally passed today or not; and, having that end in view, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Ald. BALDWIN—I second the appeal.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair, before accepting that motion, would like, for the benefit of the Board to read what he considers to be the law, the law being the only thing he can construe and base a ruling upon. I will read for the benefit of the Board Sec. 2 of Chap. 34 of the Revised Laws, which says:

"A city shall not acquire such a plant until it has been so authorized by vote of two-thirds of each branch of its City Council passed in each of two consecutive municipal years and thereafter ratified by a majority of the voters at an annual or special city election. If such a vote is not ratified, no similar vote shall be submitted for ratification within one year thereafter. Such vote of the City Council shall be subject to the approval or veto of the Mayor."

The Chair cannot see his way clear to rule that eight is two-thirds of thirteen. That is why the Chair has ruled as he has. The Chair is perfectly satisfied to place the motion, and under no circumstances can he feel that it is personal to himself. The Chair is compelled to rule, and rules, that eight is not two-thirds of thirteen.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I would like to have you read so much of the general law, in the Revised Laws, as relates to this matter.

The CHAIRMAN—(reading): "Section 1. Any city or town may, under the limitations of this act, construct, purchase, lease or establish, and maintain within its limits one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity for furnishing light for municipal use, and for the use of such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same as herein provided. Such plants may include suitable land, structures, easements, water privileges, stations, gasometers, boilers, engines, dynamos, tools, machinery, pipes, conduits, poles, conductors, burners, lamps and other apparatus and appliances for making, generating, distributing and using gas or electricity for lighting purposes."

"Section 2. No city shall exercise the authority conferred in Section 1 until a vote that it is expedient to exercise such authority shall have passed each branch of its City Council by a two-thirds vote and received the approval of the Mayor in each of two consecutive municipal years."

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, the section you have just read says "A two-thirds vote." Now, as I understand it, that means just what has been done here today—a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

The CHAIRMAN—If the Chair may interrupt, he will do so for this purpose. It says specifically "by a two-thirds vote" of each branch.

The Chair takes it for granted that the membership of the Board of Aldermen is 13.

Ald. WHELTON—It says that it shall pass "each branch of its City Council by a two-thirds vote"; and I believe that means a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair justifies his action the same as the gentleman justifies his action. That is, it says "a two-thirds vote of each branch," and does not say "two-thirds of those present and voting." It does expressly say "a two-thirds vote" of each branch.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I don't like to ask too many questions, but suppose the membership of the Board of Aldermen at the present time was legally composed of 13 members, but its actual membership here was limited to 12. This anticipates the question, perhaps, that has suggested itself to the Chair. Suppose, under these circumstances, there were but 12 members in the Board of Aldermen of 1904. What would be the action in that case?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will say that he had the honor of serving in the Board of Aldermen when it was composed of twelve members, and would certainly rule that eight is two-thirds of twelve.

Ald. WHELTON—What I mean to convey by that is, if thirteen were elected, but only twelve were voting.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair will simply say that the gentleman is asking a question which the Chair thinks has nothing to do with the case, and the Chair does not feel called upon to answer.

Ald. SLATTERY—Mr. Chairman, I desire to offer a substitute motion for the appeal from the decision of the Chair, made by the gentleman from Wd. 8 (Ald. Whelton). I move that we submit the question to the Corporation Counsel, to report back to this board at a specially called meeting, at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

Ald. WHELTON, Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly agreeable to that.

Ald. BALDWIN—Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question of the Chair—whether or no this Board has the power or authority to request a decision from the corporation counsel which will be given at 9 o'clock Monday morning—whether or no we have power to have such a thing done after today?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would rule that the Board has the power until the successors of this Board are sworn into office.

Ald. BALDWIN—And until 10 o'clock Monday morning this Board stands as the Board of 1904?

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair would so rule.

Ald. SLATTERY'S motion, that the question be submitted to the corporation counsel, with a request to report to the Board by 9 o'clock A.M. next Monday, was carried.

It was voted, on motion of Ald. Slattery, that when the Board adjourn it be to meet at 9 o'clock next Monday morning.

5. Ordered, That all matters of an unfinished nature in the hands of the joint standing and special committees of this City Council be referred to the next City Council.

Passed in concurrence.

COASTING ON DEVON ST.

Ald. HENNESSEY offered an order—That coasting be allowed during the present winter, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Board of Police, on Devon St., easterly from Blue Hill Ave.

Passed.

UNFINISHED MATTERS.

Ald. BROMBERG offered an order—That all matters unfinished in the hands of the several standing and special committees of this Board be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS.

Ald. SLATTERY offered the following:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Aldermen be extended to James H. Doyle for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during the year just closing.

Firmness, fairness, dignity and grace have been the distinguishing characteristics of his administration, and, in his temporary retirement from public station he takes with him the esteem, good will and confidence of his associates.

The resolutions were read a second time, and the question came on their adoption.

Ald. SLATTERY said:

Mr. Clerk, I am very glad of the opportunity to offer these resolutions and to testify to my appreciation of the splendid ability of our presiding officer, who has shown himself so well fitted in every way to conduct the affairs of this body that he has been called upon to preside over it during six successive years. During three of those years I have had the honor and the pleasure to be a member of this board, and I can say from experience that I don't see how any man could have been more impartial, more courteous, tactful or dignified than our chairman, Mr. Doyle, has been. To quote the phrase of President Roosevelt, his evident object while he has been Chairman here seems to have been to "give every man a square deal." He has always been fair, always just and careful, always honest in his rulings; and while he has allowed wide latitude in discussion, he has also shown great discretion in cutting off unnecessary debate and in keeping the silver flood of aldermanic oratory within its proper limits. Since he chose not to be a candidate for alderman again, this is the last meeting of the Board over which he will preside; and I am very glad to have the opportunity to be here to express my regard for him and to wish him personally the best of luck, success and prosperity in whatever he may undertake.

Like the Chairman, I, too, decided not to be a candidate this year, and this, therefore, is the last time that I shall occupy my seat as a member of this Board. While I do not regret the decision that I made, still I do regret that my work as an alderman must come to a close and that my official associations with my fellow aldermen must end. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience as one of the City Fathers, although I have felt that I was not quite fitted for so grave and dignified a name. At the same time, I feel that I have not been able to do all that I desired. Indeed, I feel that I have fallen far short of what it was my ambition to accomplish, and the only satisfaction I have in leaving is that I have at least done the best I knew how.

To those members of the Board whom I shall leave behind me, I wish to say that I have keenly enjoyed my association with them, both in and out of City Hall, and one of my most cherished recollections will be the memory of friendships that have been formed here. While we are to be no longer associated in an official capacity, I earnestly hope that these

friendships will continue as warm and as cordial as they are on my side now, and I hope that the feeling I have is reciprocated by all the members of the Board.

Coming from different parts of the city, it was only natural that each of us should have the greatest interest in measures that affect our own district. For that reason, once in a while a disagreement has crept in; but we have always had respect for one another, always had regard for one another, and if by chance we have had some official disagreements we have always been united as friends.

To the members of the Board who are to serve for another year I extend my heartiest good wishes, and I sincerely hope that their relations with each other and with the new members may be as pleasant and as gratifying as our relations have been in the past. To the members of the Board who are to retire with me from public office I wish to say, also, that I have the same feeling of appreciation, of friendship and good will, and I wish them all the greatest prosperity in their private life.

I have already said something in appreciation of Ald. Doyle. Broadened and developed by his six years of service for the city, it was only natural that he should have aspirations to go higher this year—at least one flight higher, from the aldermanic chamber up to the office of the Street Commissioner. He justly felt that he was competent to lay out streets, and his many friends sincerely regret that he was himself laid out and run over by the ruthless wheels of the machine. But I feel that this temporary disappointment will by no means end the usefulness of his career. Ald. Doyle is a man of too much ability, too great force of character, to allow his light to be hidden long under a bushel, and I am confident that we will soon see his light shining again even more brilliantly than during the six years in which he has been a conspicuous member of the Board.

Ald. Quigley, who is also to retire voluntarily from public service, has the great distinction and honor of having served three years as a member in spite of the opposition of all three ward committees over in Bunker Hillville. He has always proved himself to be a bright, competent, warm-hearted, jovial man, and a faithful friend. We all like him, and we shall all miss his association. In history he will long be renowned as a high jumper, if only because of that great feat of his in scaling the gates to the Street Superintendent's office; and Charlestown will never forget his Seventeenth of June flirtation with a belle from Philadelphia, who came here with a long train of ardent admirers—a dame whose motto is known throughout the land as "Liberty!"

Another good man who retires from the Board of Aldermen this year is my good friend Ald. Bresnahan, who has served here for two years and who has had previous experience in the Common Council and in the Legislature. He will long be remembered for his splendid work in the Long Island investigation, as a result of which the whole Board of Trustees resigned. He has proved himself to be a faithful, hard-working member of the Board, intelligent, capable, always mindful of the interests of his district, and as an associate always pleasant, agreeable and obliging. As chairman of the Committee on Licenses he has upheld the dignity of this august body by compelling the theatre managers to come before that committee and, on bended knees and with penitent tones, admit that the licensing power over theatres is still vested in the Board of Aldermen. Personally I have the highest regard for him, and I feel that in his departure

from the Board South Boston loses a splendid representative.

If Ald. Kneeland had received his just deserts he would be a member of the Board for another year, and it was only by a very narrow margin that he failed of the re-election which he should have had. Prejudice against combinations—which is natural in a champion of labor like himself—perhaps prevented his entering into any combination with other candidates on election day, and it may be for this reason that he failed to reach the goal. His associates in the present Board all sincerely regret that so good a man is not to be returned. He has had the reputation among us of an able speaker and a clear thinker, and to us who know him so well it seems a great misfortune that he is to retire.

Mr. Clerk and fellow members, the final meeting of this Board each year is always to some extent a sad one, and to me this year it is particularly so, since it marks the close of my connection with the Board of Aldermen. I have fully appreciated the honor conferred upon me by three successive elections to this Board and the usefulness of the training which I have received here. Still, I should have been glad to return, with the consent of the people, if I did not feel that, in justice to myself, I should retire and give my attention to business. Not only that, gentlemen, but I feel also that no man has any right to a monopoly of any public office, and there are plenty of able men in my district who ought to be given a chance to represent it.

In retiring from public office I extend my heartiest thanks, first of all, to the people of Boston who voted for me, and particularly for the exceedingly complimentary vote which I received last year, which I shall always regard as the greatest honor of my life.

I wish to thank also the city clerk, the city messenger, the clerk of committees and their assistants, for innumerable favors. They have always been uniformly kind and helpful, and, with the heads of the various departments, whom I also thank, they have made it possible for me to be somewhat more useful as an alderman than I could otherwise have been.

I wish to extend to our efficient secretary, Mr. Chisholm, and our official stenographer, Mr. Harnden, my deep gratitude. I thank also the newspaper reporters, who have been invariably kind and generous in their treatment of me, and through them the editors of their papers, who have paid me more compliments and shown me more kindnesses than I could possibly deserve.

In conclusion, Mr. Clerk and fellow-members, I wish to extend, both to our chairman and to you all the wish for a long succession of happy new years; and, in the words of Tiny Tim, always appropriate at this season of the year, "God bless us, every one." (Applause.)

Ald. BROMBERG said:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Clerk and Fellow Members of the Board, I rise to add my word of acknowledgment and farewell to those of my esteemed colleague, Ald. Slattry. We have sailed this miniature ship of state through another season and come to port again; the storms are passed, the feats of seamanship are memories; and we stand together at last, some to take another passage in the craft, some to leave it perhaps forever.

It is a pleasant custom that we spend the last two hours of our service in kindly expressions of comradeship. Mutual admiration societies are commonly sneered at and discouraged, but if ever such an organization is excusable, surely it must be in the case of the Boston Board of Aldermen. If we do not ex-

press appreciation of ourselves, there is precious little prospect of getting it from any public source, so long as the present customs of political criticism prevail. To be sure, our constituencies often show an illogical confidence in us; but that is an immaterial matter.

Seriously speaking, however, this American habit of belittling our legislative bodies is really deplorable. It is customary, for example, to make express and implied comparisons between the House of Commons and our National Congress to the disadvantage of the latter, whereas it is an undisputed fact that Congress is essentially composed of men who succeeded by dint of personal worth and ability, while the English body is very largely elected by the force of social position and money, by snobbishness and corruption. This talk about the American municipal standards being low, as the British newspapers are now delighting to say, is very largely nonsense. Judged by results, our municipal governments have not been false to their trusts. Our cities are as clean, as beautiful and as moral as those of any other nation in the world. Our children are better educated and our finances in at least as good condition. And Boston is not, and has not been, behind her sister cities in these respects.

So I say, gentlemen, that we have the right to go back to our homes tonight with some feelings of satisfaction, with some conviction that our duties have been done, not perfectly, not marvelously, not even brilliantly, perhaps—but honestly and fairly and creditably.

And now, turning from the impersonal to the personal, I want to say that the past year to me has been both pleasant and instructive. The members of this Board have been kind and considerate, and in many cases I shall reckon them hereafter not merely as colleagues, but as lifetime friends. I welcome and anticipate, with pleasure, the company of those who are to remain during the next administration, and I regret exceedingly the loss of those who are leaving us. Mr. Doyle, Mr. Kneeland, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Bresnahan and Mr. Quigley, all men who can ill be spared, all thoroughly representative Americans, men who know the people, who have worked with them, studied their problems, known them in their homes, men who have seen want and failure as well as prosperity and success, men who can tell the false from the true, the bad from the good.

I want especially to thank the retiring chairman, Mr. Doyle, for his fairness to me. As the only Republican in the board, a chairman might have been pardoned for oversights and neglect towards me. My numerical significance almost invited disregard; but if there ever was any such condition of mind on the part of our chairman, I never received any intimation of it. My rights were as carefully guarded by him as if I came from the banner ward of his own paray, and however I may disagree with him on party questions, I cannot but acknowledge that as a presiding officer he left nothing to be desired. His temporary eclipse is not misleading; it requires no astronomer to predict that soon he will shine brighter than ever from some higher altitude.

Mr. Slattery is another loss that will be felt. I shall not waste superlatives upon him. "The name that dwells on every tongue, no minstrel needs." He has set us a standard for courtesy, good nature, dignity and scholarship that will be hard to follow.

My own fellow-townsmen, Mr. Kneeland, knows my sentiments. A better type of the intelligent representative of organized labor does not exist in either party. His tenure of office was all too

short, and we earnestly trust that the future may have further political honors in store for him.

And for the others who are no longer to be of us, Mr. Bresnahan and Mr. Quigley, I have nothing but good words and kindly thoughts.

Finally, let me acknowledge the faithfulness and zeal of City Clerk Donovan, City Messenger Leary, Clerk of Committees Dever and Secretary Chisholm, the official stenographer, Harnden, and all the other courteous assistants connected with the various offices in City Hall. They all richly deserve the return to office which they are sure to receive.

I am sorry to see that my friend Dever is doing some unnecessary worrying about his office; it makes him look quite thin and jaded.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I have used much time and perhaps exhausted your patience, but I have felt that time could be spent worse than in speaking words of friendship and appreciation. (Applause.)

Ald. BRESNAHAN said:

Mr. Clerk, being one of the retiring members I feel that it is proper for me at this time to second the resolutions offered by my friend on the opposite side of the chamber. I feel that I should not let this year go out without expressing my thanks to the members whom I have served with, with whom my associations socially and otherwise have been so pleasant, this year. Taking together all the bodies I have ever served in, I feel that I have met among the members of this year's board some of the best counsellors, some of the best advisers, some of the best statesmen. I have ever met in political career. I want to thank them one and all for the many favors they have bestowed upon me. I feel that I might quote the words of the poet:

"You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

I feel that those sentiments are not mine alone, but that they are the sentiments which every member of the Board of 1904 feels with me. We have gone along through this year as companions and mutual advisers; and I believe, as the years go by, we will not only be the friends of the Board of 1904, but each and every member who has served this year will respect and esteem each and every other member as a brother. Our relations have been extremely pleasant, and I, for one, am sorry that we are to part.

I want to extend to our absent member my good hand of fellowship and the hope that he will have a happy and prosperous new year.

To Ald. Doyle, the chairman of our board, who has acted fairly in all matters, who has been a friend and companion to me, I want to say that I hope we will meet from time to time, and be just as friendly as we have been in the past. We certainly have been chums, comrades, and I know that the feeling that has existed between him and me will exist between each member of the Board of 1904 and myself as long as we live. I will close by saying to each and every one of you, my fellow members of the Board of 1904, that I wish you one and all a happy and prosperous new year, and

"May blooming health and rare good cheer

Wait royally on you and yours for many a year."

Ald. QUIGLEY said:

Mr. Clerk, it would ill become me, as one of the retiring members, not to say a word on leaving this chamber. I wish to extend my thanks for the uni-

form courtesy that has been shown me by the Chairman and every member of this Board. I wish to extend my thanks to the different officials—the clerk of committees, the clerk of this body, the city messenger, all hands who are connected with this chamber in any way. I hope earnestly that the friendship that has always existed during the past three years of my service in this Board will continue during my lifetime and the lifetime of the other members.

Mr. Clerk, I trust that the Monday night dinners we have made will not all be forgotten, and that some time in the future we will get together and have one or more Monday night celebrations.

I thank you all, gentlemen, for your uniform kindness, and I wish you all a very happy new year. (Applause.)

Ald. KNEELAND said:

Mr. Clerk, I desire as a retiring member to second the resolutions and to say to the members of the Board of Aldermen that I desire to offer, in conjunction with the other retiring members, my thanks not only to the chairman but to all officials connected with the Board of Aldermen. My case is perhaps much different from that of any of the other retiring members. I came down here in January, 1904, with a red flag flying over my head. People believed that fireworks were going to be set off at all hours of the day and night. Practical politicians did not believe that the ordinary workman had any brains under his hat. I want to say that I believe that idea has been all cast aside. The heads of departments will agree that the representative of organized labor knew how to be a gentleman as well as the representative of the silk-stocking element.

I believe the heads of departments, the city organization, the Democratic organization, believe that there is as much ability in the ranks of the wage-earners as there is in any of the other ranks of life. They simply at times lack the opportunity to show that they have that ability. I want to say to you further that no person is more disappointed over the fact of my not coming back than yours truly. I have enjoyed being in City Hall, and I did not have any other business to attend to except that of a member of the Board of Aldermen. I did the best I knew how, and I am sorry to say that that best was not enough to return me. But I want to say that, in my judgment, it has awakened the minds of the wage-earners of the city of Boston, and in the very near future you will see not only one, but numerous representatives of organized labor sitting around the charmed circle of the Board of Aldermen.

I want to say, further, that never yet have I so far forgotten myself as to declare that there were any grafters in the Board of Aldermen, that they put a price upon their votes. I want to say that the representative of organized labor believes and says here publicly, that there are thirteen honest men here in the Board of Aldermen, and when they vote for or against a measure it is because in their best judgment they think it is for the good of the municipality.

I join with the other retiring members in wishing to all the members of the Board of Aldermen and all the officials of the Board a very happy and prosperous New Year. (Applause.)

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Chairman DOYLE said:

Mr. Clerk and Fellow Members of the Board of Aldermen,—I have listened to the reading of your complimentary resolutions with pleasure; I have heard your words of praise with gratitude, and I cannot but think that you are sincere

in your expressions of good will and esteem towards me.

Quite a number of the members of the Board of Aldermen of 1904—which will soon be but a memory—retire, temporarily at least, from public office. Others of our colleagues return next year to serve the people of this city as their representatives in this body, and I trust that success may crown their efforts and that their merits may be recognized and rewarded by their constituents.

It has been my privilege and good fortune to have served six years in this body. I have been honored by the people for that length of time, and my fellow members filled my cup of happiness by selecting me as their presiding officer for four terms. I have certainly received my full meed of honor as a member of the Board of Aldermen, and it always will be a source of pleasure to me—even if it is mingled with regret—when I look back at the pleasant days when I was an alderman and remember the many good friends with whom I was associated. I shall miss each and every one of you from my daily life, and although we have worked together, have had our social enjoyments, and have fought and opposed one another, still I think our differences lent the necessary spice toward a warmer friendship between us all, and when we did meet in opposition, it was because of honest difference of opinion and not because of hatred or malignity. Yes, gentlemen, we have had our troubles and our joys and now as we are about to lay down the cares of official life—I here speak for myself and the members who are to retire—I feel the pain of parting from tried and true friends. I don't imagine that this Board is the superior of many which have existed before, but we have done our best and our record will, in my opinion, bear favorable comparison with former bodies.

Ald. Quigley, Slattery, Bresnahan, Kneeland and myself step down this year. We are all in the same boat. But, fellow-members, I rise at this time to remark that none of us are what is termed by the slangy "dead ones." We go out, but if we wish to knock on the political door I think we will be heard.

To the rest of you gentlemen who return to serve next year I extend my heartiest good wishes. May you discharge your duties in an impartial, fearless way, and may your constituents recognize and reward your efforts for their welfare.

I suppose I know about as many of the officers and employees of City Hall as most members of the government. To all of them I beg to say that their kindness and courtesy to me will ever be remembered.

Gentlemen, one and all, I wish you from my heart prosperity and fortune. (Applause.)

Ald. KNEELAND offered an order—That the closing proceedings of the Board of Aldermen of the year 1904 be printed as a city document, and that the Superintendent of Printing be directed to have copies thereof printed, containing the members' portraits and also a group picture of the members and officers of the Board, for distribution among the members of the Board; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the contingent fund, Board of Aldermen.

Passed.

GENERAL RECONSIDERATION

Ald. BRESNAHAN moved a general reconsideration on all business transacted at the meeting, hoping that the same would not prevail.

Adjourned at 3.37, on motion of Ald. BALDWIN, to meet on Monday, Jan. 2, at 9 o'clock A.M.

Note.—In the vote in the Common Council on Dec. 22, on the passage of the ordinance providing for the publica-

tion of a list of city employees (see first column, page 497), Councilman J. Bernard Ferber of Wd. 10 should have been recorded as voting in the affirmative. At end of fifth line of list of yeas, for "Bernard" read "Ferber."

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of Board of Aldermen.

Monday, Jan. 2, 1905.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen of 1904, at 9 A.M., Chairman DOYLE presiding. Absent, Ald. Bresnahan and Curley.

On motion of Ald. Quigley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with.

OPINION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Law Department,
73 Tremont St.

Boston, Jan. 2, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen: Gentlemen—Not having received a copy of your question until a late hour on Saturday, I have not had time for an exhaustive research of the law concerning the question you ask.

The question asked is: "Do the words 'vote of two-thirds of each branch of its City Council' as they appear in Section 2 of Chapter 34 of the Revised Laws, mean two-thirds of the entire membership of each branch, or two-thirds of those present and voting thereon?"

A phrase somewhat similar to the one used in this statute recently went to our Supreme Court for an opinion, but the question was not answered by the court.

The opinions of parliamentarians differ somewhat concerning the meaning of similar phrases. Probably the majority, including several speakers of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, think that the phrase means two-thirds of those present.

The opinion of lawyers, and some dictum of the United States Supreme Court, are the other way. The legally equivalent phrase used in the Constitution concerning the veto power of the governor was before Attorney-General Parker in reference to the passage of the soldiers' bounty bill, and he decided, in an opinion supported by a somewhat elaborate brief, that the phrase "two-thirds of said Senate of House" meant two-thirds of the entire membership; and, as he gave much time to the study of the question, his opinion has great weight in my mind.

I am on the whole of opinion that the phrase used in this statute means two-thirds of the entire membership of each branch. One reason for so think-

ing is that the Legislature, in Section nine of Chapter twenty-six of the Revised Laws, and in many other acts and resolves, uses the phrase "two-thirds of the members present and voting." It would seem that, when this phrase was departed from and the phrase "vote of two-thirds of each branch" substituted, the Legislature intended to require something more and different from what it did when it used the phrase "present and voting."

If the city enters on this undertaking, the works of the present companies must be purchased at an expense of twenty-five to fifty million dollars. In an undertaking of such importance the preliminary steps should be free from any legal doubt. Yours respectfully,

Thomas M. Babson,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I understand that the matter now before us is the consideration of the vote of Saturday.

The CHAIRMAN—Well, the Chair would rule that there is no question before the Board at the present time, the Corporation Counsel having settled it.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, as I understand it the Corporation Counsel has submitted an opinion, nothing more. I don't know that that binds this body. I understand the Chair to decide that the order before us at the last meeting did not receive the support of the necessary two-thirds, required for passage.

The CHAIRMAN—The Chair so ruled on Saturday.

Ald. WHELTON—Well, Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman will state his point of order.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, my point of order is that the measure before the body having received the necessary two-thirds vote in this body, as required by law, it is passed in concurrence with the Common Council.

The CHAIRMAN—The gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

Ald. WHELTON—Mr. Chairman, I appeal from the decision of the Chair.

Ald. O'TOOLE—I second that appeal, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN—The question is, shall the decision of the Chair be the judgment of the body? Members in favor will when their names are called answer "yes." Those opposed will answer "no." The Clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Ald. Bromberg, Doyle, Frothingham, Hennessey, Quigley, Slaterry—5.

Nays—Ald. Baldwin, Bowen, Kneeland, O'Toole, Whelton—5.

The CHAIRMAN—The decision of the Chair stands as the judgment of the Board.

Adjourned sine die, on motion of Ald. Frothingham, at 9.37 A.M.

